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Developer presents its vision for Albany's waterfront

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — They came, they had their questions answered. Earlier this week, a steady stream of curious residents attended a public presentation of plans by Southern California-based developer Rick Caruso to build a major retail and housing development on what are now underused parking lots north of Golden Gate Fields race-

track. After seeing the plans, a resident leading an effort to build a park along the waterfront remained opposed to the Caruso development. "People in 20 years will say 'My God, we put a standard here,'" said Robert Cheasty,

WATERFRONT PLANS

Public viewing of draft plans for a retail and housing development along the Albany waterfront will continue today from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the community center, 1249 Marin Ave. A final presentation will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave. Call 510-526-8079. Statistics and information about the waterfront and its history are available at the city's Web site: albanycity.org.

the president of the Citizens for the Eastshore State Parks. "This is a year-2000 mall."

Others hadn't made up their

minds.

Ginny Pock, a 30-year Albany resident, walked and talked with Matt Middlebrook, an executive with Caruso Affiliated, for about 20 minutes. She saw photos of various parts of Golden Gate Fields and the shoreline juxtaposed against drawings of what the area could look like.

In one shot, the city beach, composed of giant slabs of concrete, rock and driftwood, was contrasted against a drawing of a sandy beach and grassy meadow.

In other shots, a derelict marsh and creek are cleaned up and expanded; and a sea of cars makes way for a sea of high-end retail.

Pock said she was concerned about seeing the small city open up

to "Las Vegas" along the waterfront.

She also worried about the increase in traffic in the area, particularly at Gilman Street, and didn't want to see a repeat of the daunting traffic routes in and out of El Cerrito Plaza.

At the same time, she liked the prospects of new revenues for Albany.

The project would pump an additional \$2 million annually into city coffers, which is an 18 percent increase to the general fund, according to the developer. It would also be subject to school district parcel taxes.

"I'd love to see some kind of revenue coming to Albany," Pock said. "But this (development) is huge."

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MATT MIDDLEBROOK, left, from Caruso Affiliated talks to resident Valerie Risk about an Albany waterfront proposal at the Albany Community Center on Wednesday. The development would be built on what are now underused parking lots north of Golden Gate Fields.

Residents prepare to fend for themselves

Disaster preparedness requires that public responders, resources will be spread thin

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

When Linda Lipscomb moved to Kensington from New York in 1977, she found people to be blasé about the potential for devastating earthquakes in the Bay Area.

But not her. "It was greatly shocking to me that there should be earthquakes, and I've been conscious of emergency preparedness because of that, because it was new here," said Lipscomb. "We don't have a history back there (on the East Coast)." But today, following the recent Gulf of Mexico hurricane that leveled New Orleans, people are concerned about how a disaster would affect the Bay Area.

Lipscomb prompted residents in the El Cerritos to organize, Albany officials to start their disaster training, and government officials to take a fresh look at local disaster plans.

Residents have good reason to be concerned. The Federal Emergency Management Agency says a major earthquake in Northern California is among the three greatest dangers in the country. The other two are a levee break in New Orleans and a terrorist attack on New York.

The U.S. Geological Survey predicts a 30 percent chance of a 6.7 magnitude or greater earthquake hitting the Bay Area in the next 33 years.



LINDA LIPSCOMB sorts through her earthquake safety bins in a shed at her Kensington home on Monday. Included is a sterile garden hose to use for siphoning water short distances, duct tape, bleach and plastic garbage bags.

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Open house to show condo-retail plan

The 'Mayfair Block' proposal seems to meet the city's objectives, says El Cerrito's redevelopment manager

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

A conceptual plan for 60 condominiums and 5,000 square feet of retail space near the Del Norte BART station in El Cerrito will be displayed at an open house Thursday.

The plan, which the City Council reviewed recently, has been developed by the Olson Co., a San Francisco-based developer with offices in San Ramon.

Olson wants to build the development on the site of the so-called "Mayfair Block," located between Pablo Avenue, between Irving Boulevard, Kearney Street and Knott Avenue, west of

the Del Norte BART station.

The development would provide 38 units per acre and be up to three stories tall.

It will offer 54 one-, two- and three-bedroom for-sale condominiums ranging from about 900 to 1,500 square feet each, and would include nine below-market rate homes.

There would be six live-work condominiums with about 900 square feet of ground floor work space and about 1,600 square feet of living space on a second floor.

There will be attached, two-car tandem garages for every home. The garages would be

built for two cars parked end-to-end instead of side-by-side.

"It's not an uncommon way of doing it in the building they're doing," El Cerrito Redevelopment Manager Lori Trevino said. "And it is allowed in our code. On for-sale housing it's allowed."

Olson is looking at buying three parcels of property that make up the Mayfair block. One of the parcels belongs to the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency.

The agency — the board of which consists of El Cerrito City Council members — is negotiating the terms of a disposition and development agreement with Olson. Those terms will include the

purchase price for the land, the parameters of development, and the state requirements for affordable housing at the site.

The council heard a presentation from Olson on Monday night to see whether the project fit in with the city's redevelopment goals and objectives.

The goals and objectives include creating active pedestrian, shopping and entertainment districts, increasing the range of retail choices, and capitalizing on the transit opportunities presented by BART and AC Transit to encourage transit-oriented development.

Trevino said the council had

IF YOU GO:

■ **WHAT:** Conceptual plans of 60-unit condo project available for public review

■ **WHEN:** 6 p.m., Thursday

■ **WHERE:** Tassajara community center, 2575 Tassajara Ave.

■ **INFORMATION:** Call 510-215-4383

a number of questions about traffic and access to the project. But overall she got the impression that the project did meet those goals and objectives.

The council was not in a position to take formal action on the development. The project will go through the city's formal environmental and development review process.

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Renewal plan for parks gets first OK

■ Ball fields at Memorial and Ocean View parks will likely undergo renovation, and two softball fields are scheduled to be built

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

A plan to renovate ball fields at Memorial and Ocean View parks received a big boost from the Albany City Council this week.

The council gave initial approval to spend about \$995,000 to revamp the existing fields and build two softball practice fields at those parks. It's part of a \$3.4 million overhaul of Memorial, Ocean View and Terrace parks.

In response to public comment, the council at Monday night's meeting added several items to the parks' renovation budget. They include a small community center at Terrace Park; community gardens at Ocean View Park; and a dedication of 2 percent of the renovation budget toward public art.

The council will consider a revised budget for the renovations on Nov. 7. In the meantime, on Monday it granted \$19,000 to landscape architect John Cahalan to draft final renovation designs.

The parks' overhaul includes an improved picnic area and tree removal at Ocean View Park, improvements to the plaza area at Memorial Park, new bathrooms at Terrace Park and more.

The parks and recreation commission has been meeting and devising recommendations on the improvements since last spring, said parks commissioner Kim Linden. However, Linden and resident Mara Duncan said that the public's concerns hadn't been as well represented as field user groups.

Linden also opposed a plan to remove almost half of the redwood trees and all of the pine trees from Ocean View Park as part of an effort to improve the amount of sunlight and open space available to a planned picnic area there.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

City hires interim planning manager

The city has appointed planning consultant Ed Phillips an interim planning manager following the resignation of Dave Dowsell, who is leaving Albany today to become the community development director in Dixon.

Dowsell, who has been with Albany for four years, oversaw the city's requirements for reinforced masonry buildings, new San Pablo Avenue zoning, the new telecommunications law, and the affordable housing ordinance the City Council will consider Monday.

Dixon, a California central valley city near Davis, has a population of about 17,000, the same as Albany's. It's also considering a new horse racetrack combined with a large-scale retail, office, entertainment and hotel development.

"They were looking for someone, and (Dowsell) felt he wanted to increase his challenges in life and become a community development director," said Ann Chaney, Albany's community development director. "So it was a fit. ... It's a step up for him, and we will miss him for sure."

Chaney estimated it would take about four months to recruit someone permanent.

— Alan Lopez

El Cerrito

Project Reach wins grants for \$17,500

Project REACH recently earned two grants, one from the West Contra Costa Public Education Fund and the other from Kaiser Permanente. The two grants total \$17,500.

Project REACH offers recreation and leadership programs for underprivileged fourth-through-sixth graders attending El Cerrito schools. The program provides free sports, games, arts and crafts projects, community services projects, field trips and more.

The city has offered the program for seven years. The Ed. Fund has provided a \$15,000 grant, and Kaiser Hospital offered \$2,500.

Additional grants and donations come from the El Cerrito Rotary Club, the Dean and Margaret Leshner Foundation, the Kaiser Family Foundation, the El Cerrito Tennis Improvement Association and other local community members and businesses.

To donate or for more information about Project REACH (Recreation, Education, Achievement for Children), call 510-559-7005.

— Alan Lopez

District considers K-8 schools

The West Contra Costa school district has drawn up a preliminary list of elementary schools that could potentially be converted to kindergarten through eighth-grade campuses.

The roster includes Ohlone Elementary School in Hercules, Sheldon and Valley View elementary schools in El Sobrante and Washington, Peres and Ford elementary schools in Richmond, said Gretchen Borg, chairwoman of subcommittee the district's K-8 facilities.

Potential sites also include Kensington Elementary in Kensington, Lake and Riverside in San Pablo and Harding and Mira Vista in El Cerrito.

The West Contra Costa committee narrowed its list by geographical region so that each area of town would have the option.

— Shirley Dang

Haunted houses, treats, to spook and entertain

By Chris Treadway

STAFF WRITER

While nothing will likely replace the tradition of kids trick-or-treating door-to-door, organized Halloween events are also a growing tradition.

From wholesome to gruesome, there are events going on locally for every age and taste. Here's a roundup of some of the offerings:

Albany

■ The Church on the Corner at 1319 Solano Ave. is holding a Halloween Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with horse and pony rides, a petting zoo, a bake-off contest, carnival games, a costume contest and more. For details call 510-526-6632.

■ The recreation department's Halloween Spooktacular for ages 12 and under will be from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31 at the community center, 1249 Marin Ave. Celebrants are encouraged to come in costume and enjoy games, crafts, treats and more. Free. Get details at 510-559-7222.

El Cerrito

The third annual Haunted House, Tail Gate Trick or Treat

and Indoor Carnival takes place Monday, Oct. 31 at the community center, 7007 Moers Lane. A non-scarey lights-on haunted house for pre-schoolers goes from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and costs \$2. The scarier lights-off haunted house runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and costs \$3.

Kensington

■ Celebrate Halloween with live bats at the Kensington Library on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Maggie Hooper from the Bat Conservation Fund will bring live bats, discuss their habits, and answer any questions you might have. There are only a limited number of free tickets for the popular show, and they are available starting Monday. The library is at 61 Arlington Ave., in Kensington. For more details, call 510-524-3043 or visit ccclib.org.

■ Adults are invited to come solve a "murder in the Kensington Library" on Sunday, Oct. 30. The 2 p.m. "Murder in the Library," a play written by Tom and Penny Warner, is a free celebration of the library's 40th anniversary at 61 Arlington Ave. It will feature county Supervisor John Gioia and other well-known members of the Kensington community as suspects, and there will be food, prizes, and more.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, Oct. 10

■ **ARMED ROBBERY** — At about 3:30 p.m., a caller reported that he had been robbed at gunpoint by two male adults, about 20 years old, while on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue. They took all his cash and fled.

■ **BROKEN WINDOW** — A resident on the 1500 block of Posen Street reported that someone threw a rock through the front window of their home. There were no witnesses.

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A 30-year-old man was arrested at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore for shoplifting.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — Officers responded to a restaurant on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue when the owner ran outside and told the owner of a neighboring business to call police. Officers arrested a 26-year-old Texas woman and a 30-year-old San Francisco man for defrauding an innkeeper.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A resident reported that her blue Dodge Dakota was broken into and her wallet stolen while it was parked in front of Ocean View School on the 1000 block of Jackson Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — Someone stole a black 1992 Honda Civic parked at 555

Pierce St. There were no witnesses.

Thursday, Oct. 13

■ **DUI** — At about 2:30 a.m. officers arrested the driver, a 27-year-old man, of a black 1993 Chrysler LeBaron near Solano Avenue and Curtis Street for DUI and being an unlicensed driver. They impounded the car.

■ **BUICK STOLEN & BUICK RECOVERED** — Officers investigated reports of a white 1989 Buick that was stolen while parked on the 700 block of Curtis Street. During the investigation, they recovered another white Buick that had been stolen from Richmond.

■ **TOYOTA PICKUP RECOVERED** — Officers investigated a gray 1988 Toyota Pickup on the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue that appeared to have been abandoned. It was found to have been stolen from Berkeley on Oct. 3.

■ **ACURA RECOVERED** — At about 11:30 p.m., officers investigated a red 1991 Acura Legend near the creek area at the north end of 2nd Street because it did not have a front license plate. It was discovered that the car had been stolen.

Friday, Oct. 14

■ **GRAFFITI** — At about noon, officers arrested an Oakland boy for painting graffiti on an electrical box outside the

Club Mallard on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue. He was charged with vandalism and released to his mother with a notice to appear.

■ **CREDIT CARD FRAUD** — Officers arrested a woman at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore for credit card fraud.

Saturday, Oct. 15

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night, someone broke into a 1994 Buick Electra parked on the 900 block of Talbot Avenue, activating the car alarm. They fled without taking anything.

■ **PETTY THEFT** — Officers arrested a 22-year-old man for petty theft at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore.

■ **THEFT** — At about 4:30 p.m. security at the Target store reported that a man who had previously stolen items from the store was now applying for a job. Officers arrested the 39-year-old Berkeley man.

■ **DUI** — Officers stopped a white Hyundai Accent on the 900 block of Pierce Street at about 9 a.m. They arrested the driver, a 23-year-old Richmond man, for DUI.

Sunday, Oct. 16

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — A resident on the 800 block of Pomona Avenue reported

that her bike was missing from her garage. She believed it might have been stolen on Oct. 10 when she served a man coming out of her garage on a bike. He nearly ran over and was very apologetic, parted, according to the resident, did not realize he was riding at the time. Officers took the bike.

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — Two ages 18 and 19, were arrested for petty theft at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore.

Monday, Oct. 17

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — During early morning hours, someone beige 1995 Honda Accord parked on the 800 block of Cleveland Ave. There were no witnesses.

Weekly summary

During the week of Oct. 10, 10 vehicles were stolen, responded to 10 calls, attended to two injured animals, assisted one person who was locked out of a building, responded to two reports of dog bites. In the domestic arena, officers responded to 12 civil disturbances, 117 civil assists. Officers stopped vehicles or persons, issuing citations and 42 warnings. Albanyers/paramedics responded to 11 calls and 12 medical emergencies.

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Monday, Oct. 10

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — A 1991 Toyota was taken from the 1300 block of Everett Street between 11 p.m. Oct. 10 and 7:30 a.m. the next day. The vehicle was later recovered in San Pablo.

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — At 9:45 p.m., police arrested a 21-year-old female Target employee on suspicion of stealing \$1,400 from the store. Police said in-store security had seen the El Cerrito resident stealing cash over the course of a month.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

■ **PICK-UP STOLEN** — A 2004 Nissan Frontier pickup was taken from the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — A 1987 Toyota SR5 was taken from the 8700 block of Don Carol Drive sometime between 8 p.m. on Oct. 13 and 9 a.m. the next day. At 9 a.m., police recovered a stolen

1996 Eagle Vision parked nearby. That vehicle had been reported stolen to Richmond police earlier that day.

■ **FRAUD ARREST** — At 1:15 p.m., police arrested a 19-year-old Oakland woman on suspicion of possessing a stolen and forged check and a counterfeit California ID card at Bank of America. The woman attempted to cash a \$2,500 check.

Friday, Oct. 14

■ **APARTMENT BREAK-IN** — Jewelry and a computer were taken from an apartment on the 3200 block of Belmont Avenue sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

■ **CAMRY STOLEN** — A 1991 Toyota Camry was taken from the 5400 block of Pointsett Avenue sometime between 9 p.m. on Oct. 14 and 9 a.m. the next day.

■ **SATURN STOLEN** — A 1993 Saturn was taken from the 10700 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime between 1 and 6 p.m.

■ **STOLEN VEHICLE** — Shortly after 12:45 p.m., a stolen 1987 Toyota Camry collided into a parked car near

Cypress Avenue and South 55th Street after the three people inside jumped out of the moving vehicle. Police arrested the driver, a 13-year-old San Pablo boy, and a passenger, a 14-year-old Richmond boy, on suspicion of possessing the Camry, which was reported stolen to Richmond police the day before. The two boys jumped out of the car along with a third passenger after police attempted to stop it for a vehicle code violation. The collision caused minor damage to both vehicles, police said.

■ **BURGLARY ARRESTS** — Police arrested a 16-year-old girl and 15-year-old boy, both from Richmond, following a report of a burglary at a home on the 5200 block of Cypress Avenue. At 3:30 p.m., police arrived following a report of the burglary by a neighbor and found the boy standing below a broken window.

Saturday, Oct. 15

■ **STOLEN BICYCLE** — A bicycle was taken from a garage on the 2600 block of Tulare Avenue sometime between 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 15 and 6:30 a.m.

the next day. The burglar had garage door opener from a car to enter the garage, police said.

Sunday, Oct. 16

■ **DUI ARREST** — Shortly after 11 a.m., police arrested a 31-year-old Pinole woman on suspicion of driving under the influence following a single-vehicle accident at Central Avenue and Boulevard. The woman's vehicle struck by an Albany resident of a Honda Civic after the Pinole woman allegedly ran a red light, police said. Albany resident suffered back injuries and was treated at a hospital. A passenger inside the woman's vehicle was uninjured.

■ **STORE BREAK-IN** — A car was used to enter a Cingular Wireless store at El Cerrito Plaza at 4000 El Cerrito Plaza. The loss was undetermined, police said.

■ **POWER TOOLS STOLEN** — Power tools were taken from a bus on the 11900 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime between 5 p.m. on Oct. 15 and 8 a.m. the next day.

School emergency plan in hot seat

By Shirley Dang

STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — A false fire alarm at Kensington Elementary has sparked flames of discontent over how the school district handles emergencies.

When an alarm trips, the district plan says a designated employee should inspect the campus to determine whether the fire is real and to call school police. School police dispatchers monitoring alarms also call the campus, said Vince Kilmartin, associate superintendent of operations, and district police then contact fire authorities.

"I'm sorry, that is not a plan," said David Feitelberg, parent of two third-graders. "That is a prayer." Firefighters called the complex process dangerously flawed.

"It only takes one problem, and you could have a major disaster,"

said Capt. Mark Figueira of the El Cerrito Fire Department, which serves Kensington.

Kilmartin said the district plans to meet with fire agencies to evaluate how calls should be handled. He said the district uses the school police as a first step to minimize excessive false alarms.

"If they'd like us to change our process," Kilmartin said, "we'll change our process."

The alarm at Kensington tripped the morning of Oct. 7 because of construction, Figueira said.

Fine dust likely triggered the alarm when workers opened up a wall in the newly remodeled school to check for water damage following a flood, he said.

Teachers herded students outside and waited for fire trucks that never came. Like all the alarms in the West Contra Costa school dis-

trict, the bells notify district police dispatchers rather than firefighters, said Brenda Navelier, Kensington Fire District administrator.

School dispatchers phoned the campus, but it had been evacuated, Figueira said. A school secretary ran indoors, Figueira said, and called Richmond dispatchers to say it was a false alarm.

Board member Karen Pfeifer defended the school's response: The evacuation was successful, and nobody was injured.

She blamed the confusion at Kensington on miscommunication, suggesting staff members had not been properly informed of district safety policies.

"Each school needs to have a designated person to check for fire and call the district police," she said. "Apparently, that didn't hap-

pen at Kensington."

Figueira said the district's confusion that erupted the morning could have resulted in injury or death during an active fire.

He advised that school employees call 911 in life-threatening situations rather than wait for school police first.

"They just got their power ward," Figueira said. "If a firefighter, I don't understand."

At the same time, he added that linking the alarms directly to the dispatchers would not work because the volume of calls would overwhelm the equipment.

Many districts contact Bay Area to life-size district calls from costly false alarms, Figueira said.

Parents say the district should change something someone gets hurt.

"An emergency protocol be simple," Feitelberg said. "It can't be followed in an emergency."

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Passing Measure A is a good investment

By Michael Barnes

I HAVE MORE than 3,400 children, and I worry about whether I am doing the best I can for them. When the voters in Albany elected me to the school board, they gave me the responsibility for the education of Albany's students. This is why, along with the other members of the school board, I am turning to the Albany community to let you know that our children need more resources. The board urges you to vote for Measure A.

In Albany schools, test scores remain high. We have been very successful at placing our graduates at elite colleges and universities. Our district has won praise, both inside and outside educational circles, for its high achievement.

Yet these high expectations add even more stress to the demanding task of being a young person in 21st century America. Just pick up a textbook for a high school Advanced Placement course, and you will be stunned at how much we expect our children to learn.

Young people sometimes deal with stress in negative ways. In Albany schools, we have seen it all — binge drinking, drug abuse, violence. Our children are threatened by illegal drugs and sexually transmitted diseases that are far more potent and lethal than what we dealt with at their age.

This is why the board is emphasizing the need for mental health counselors and health education for our children. They need to learn life skills to help them negotiate coming of age in a very complex world.

Another area that desperately needs more resources is our school libraries. This might seem quaint at first, but today's librarians are digital information specialists who teach kids how to maneuver through the thicket of information available to them in the Internet age. We need a full-time librarian at every school site, and Measure A will provide us with the re-

venue to accomplish this.

Finally, I'd like to get our outstanding fund-raising organizations back in the business of funding the special programs and classes in the arts, music, athletics and other areas that enrich the education and lives of our children. With state budget cuts, we have come to rely on our funders to provide money for activities many people think should be the responsibility of the school district. With the revenue from Measure A, the district should be able to remove this burden from our fund-raising groups.

Measure A has yet another benefit — it will help preserve the value of Albany's homes. Local real estate agents tell us the housing premium because of the quality of Albany schools is at least 10 percent over comparable neighborhoods and homes in El Cerrito. Let's say you own a home in Albany worth \$500,000. This \$250 annual parcel tax will be just one-twentieth of 1 percent of the value of your home. That's a pretty reasonable insurance policy.

Even if Measure A passes, the total parcel tax burden in Albany for local schools will be \$508 per year, well below the level of Berkeley (\$818) or Piedmont (\$1,559). Public K-12 education in Albany is a bargain, and will continue to be. But if by some miracle the federal and state governments decide to adequately fund K-12 education in California over the coming years, and this parcel tax becomes unnecessary, the tax will automatically sunset after seven years unless renewed by Albany voters.

As a school board member, it has been a privilege to serve this community. Albany is a special place, especially for kids. Let's keep it that way by passing Measure A. It is a good investment for our children's future, our homes and our community.

Michael Barnes was elected to the AUSD board in November 2002 and is finishing a one-year term as board president.

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Jean Siri Ward 1 (Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Kensington, part of Pinole, and San Pablo). E-mail: jsiri@ebparks.org

AC Transit

Joe Wallace Ward 1 (West Contra Costa and Northern Alameda counties). E-mail: jwallace@actransit.org; phone 510-891-7143; fax 510-234-7689.

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Phone 510-524-4668 or see online at www.stegesd.dst.ca.us.

NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Emergency numbers

El Cerrito or Kensington fire, police or medical: 911.
Non-emergency
El Cerrito and Kensington Fire — 510-215-4450.
El Cerrito Police — 510-237-3233.
Kensington Police — 510-233-1214; business line 510-526-4141.
Sewer problems: Stege Sanitary Service. 510-524-4667.
Water services: East Bay Municipal Utility District. 510-287-1380, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or 510-835-3000 after 4:30 p.m.

Libraries

El Cerrito — 6510 Stockton Ave. Open noon-8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursdays, 1-5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays. 510-526-7512.
Kensington — 61 Arlington Ave. Open noon-8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursdays, 1-5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays. 510-524-3043.

County Supervisors

John Gioia (1st District) 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, El Cerrito, CA 94530, 510-374-3231. Fax: 510-374-3429. E-mail: dist1@bos.co.contra-costa.ca.us.

Keith Carson (5th District) 1221 Oak St., Ste. 536, Oakland, CA 94612, 510-272-6695. Fax: 510-271-5151. E-mail: kcarson@co.alameda.ca.us.

Cities

El Cerrito: City offices, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 510-215-4300. E-mail: citycouncil@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us

Albany: City offices, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany. 510-528-5710.

Kensington: Fire Protection District 217 Arlington Blvd. 510-527-8395

Police Protection and Community Services District 217 Arlington Blvd. 510-526-4141

School boards

West Contra Costa Unified School District: 510-620-2246

Albany Unified School District: 510-558-3766

Parks and recreation

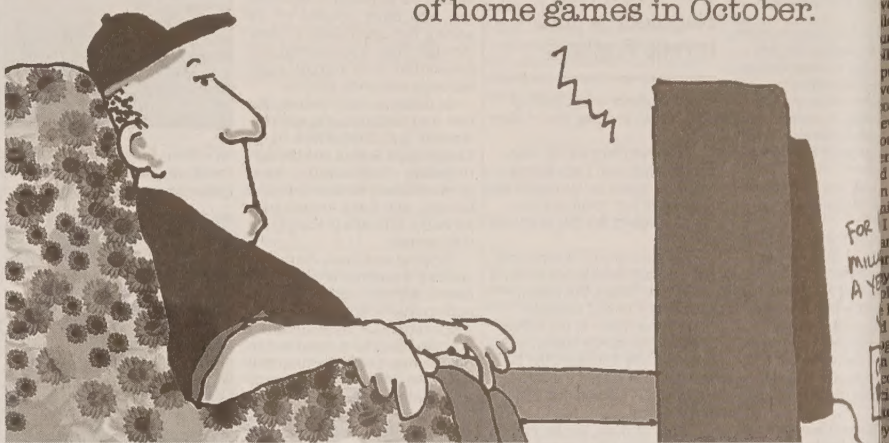
El Cerrito Recreation Programs — Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Meeting rooms, classes, pool. 510-215-4370.
Canyon Trail Art Center — 6757 Gatto St., El Cerrito. Instruction for children and adults. 510-215-4370 or 510-215-4394.
Kensington Recreation — Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 510-525-0292.

Senior centers

El Cerrito Committee on Aging — Meets at 3 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Ellen Paasch, 510-215-4340.
Christ Lutheran Senior Center — 780 Ashbury Ave. Meets 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays. 510-524-1050.
St. John's Senior Center — 6500 Gladys Ave. Meets 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays. 510-237-3808.
The Open House — 6500 Stockton Ave. Meets 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. 510-215-4340.
Kensington Senior Activity Center — Meets 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 510-526-9146.

IT'S WORLD SERIES TIME

He's a specialty player.
He only pinch runs on 3rd base,
with one out in the 9th inning
of home games in October.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Measure A is necessary

I wonder if folks like Tony Caine ("Parcel tax measure effort in full swing," Oct. 7) are missing the desperate importance of Measure A because they are not in our schools on a daily basis.

Caine asserts that the "city is taxed out" and that "eventually" our "property values will be affected." A few days in our schools will show you that it is our children who are being taxed out of an education right now.

Library hours have been cut, electives and arts have been cut, and vocational training is limited. Our schools operate with almost the lowest amount of state funding per pupil in the country (\$4,972).

Often, what programs we do have are paid for by a self-imposed "tax" — parent fund-raising. Last year, it took the combined efforts of five volunteer fund-raising organizations for one full year to raise \$500,000. That's only a quarter of what Measure A will raise from all of Albany.

I am a parent at Marin Elementary School, and I can tell you schools are full of earnest, hard-working parents, teachers, staff and children who only ask for enough to keep the basics intact.

Isn't \$250 a year a small price to pay so that our children are not immersed in 40-student classrooms?

And as for property values, every week families move to Albany for the schools. Good schools keep property values up!

I invite any citizen who is skeptical to come visit our schools. Feel the hope that children inspire. You, too, will want to do right by them.

Suzanne Portnoy
Albany

Invade Orinda

There is only one way to deal with a terrorist deer.

First, the president should probably over-estimate the size of the buck's rack. Secondly, we must invade Orinda to re-establish the peace, then invade Lafayette for good measure.

Sounds crazy huh? I think so, too. Now, if Concord or Walnut Creek interfere, we should threaten them with annihilation.

If you don't nip it in the bud, every raccoon in the county will think Orinda is wide open.

Joe Ursini
El Cerrito

Shame

El Cerrito is a local disgrace. It has a city government out of control.

Millions have been poured into the movie-theater black hole. The Redevelopment Agency would like to turn the core of the city into 60- to 95-foot high rises, to satisfy the needs of the developers who very much want to drink from the well of redevelopment. They have no concern for El Cerrito's fundamental aspect: more than 23,000 human beings and views to die for.

As to the plaza, it seems they feel it is a good idea to jam in more people by building a housing development at that site.

The city has neglected the ancient, aging infrastructures, such as storm-water runoffs. Streets are no longer being repaved. The police force is strained to the limit and spending its days disarming our high school students and investigat-

ing our suddenly skyrocketing murder rate. Which leads to the recently murdered individual whose impromptu shrine has been set up on Mooser Lane, at the foot of the Sundar Shadi's Christmas display area, renamed by me as "Deathlehem."

Certain elected officials play into the hands of the developers, for whatever reason. And the electorate, instead of setting policy, rubber-stamps whatever comes their way — from city staff members who, for the most part, don't live here and could care less about the lasting repercussions of their harebrained ideas.

Shame on them all.

George McRae
El Cerrito

Price gouging

In this era of obvious price gouging, it is so depressing to read that although the state's utility doesn't buy directly from the Gulf Coast, the coming shortage there will cause higher prices here.

PG&E buys no gas from the Gulf Coast, and yet we are told to expect prices to surge as much as 71 percent this winter! According to what PG&E tells the media, it does not see any gains when prices rise because it receives a fixed delivery fee set by the state Public Utilities Commission. Therefore, we should expect PG&E's profits and its stock prices will remain unchanged. We shall see.

Profiteering on disaster and misery by the gas-producing industries is so blatantly evil and immoral, it is difficult to describe or fathom.

Once wells in the western states and Canada are drilled and producing, and distribution is in place, costs of delivering gas to California consumers is not changed by a hurricane.

No, it is not the hurricane; it is truly evil people exploiting us because they are selling something we must have and, therefore, they will steal from us as much as they can get away with.

Tom Smithberger
El Cerrito

Why Harriet Miers?

I'd like to know why President Bush has chosen Harriet Miers to sit on the Supreme Court.

She's clearly not the most qualified candidate, as she seems to have no experience as a judge nor any experience examining the Constitution. In fact, it's very difficult to tell just what she's about. And I think we can assume the White

House will not bend over backward shed any light on her judicial chances and opinions.

The conservative commentator Brooks recently remarked that conservatives in the Republican camp are faced with the same dilemma that plagued Democrats: President Bush, what he wants without consultation, secrecy, and then says in so many words "just trust me."

This won't do. We need our men and women in Congress to force the White House to be forthcoming about the role of Harriet Miers.

Warwick Neill
El Cerrito

All-healing measure?

According to Albany High teacher David De Hart (Journal, Oct. 14), the state's approval of Measure A would: test quality curriculum; attract the teachers and staff; keep our neighborhoods safe from crime; attract young families; raise the value of every home; develop productive and caring citizens.

Believe him! All of this just by visiting sitting-duck homeowners with one of those cure-all measures we've endured through the last few years in Albany.

One of the last such was a \$36 million or so bond that brought us the recently erected mammoth high school that, on Key Route Boulevard. This, too, to solve all the problems for the foreseeable future. No more portables ever.

But, lo and behold, a couple of years later, the principal says he may not use those portables again because they are an extra 250 students (Journal, Oct. 14).

Little Albany keeps producing, and more students, since we know one means extra state money; yet, the cavernous new building and its empyrean-like tower isn't big enough there.

Where empty pockets end and competence begins is anybody's guess. And so, there you have it: All-healing Measure A might be coming your way.

Willie Murr
Albany

The right thing

I would like to compliment the Albany City Council and staff members for their courageous pursuit in doing the right thing.

The repaving and restriping on Marin Avenue completed recently was one of the best traffic management efforts completed in this city since the signal timing on San Pablo Avenue (a regional effort). The City Council received heavy criticism and doomsday predictions of traffic nightmares on Marin Avenue. Changes were made to the flow and direction of traffic.

In a society that honors traffic flow and speed over pedestrian flow and safety, places such as Albany are going against the grain when the city officials and staff members make bold recommendations and changes to a major traffic arterial.

Thank you for pursuing this political tough stance; the results are highly beneficial to all of us, and the price is minimal to those who have to slow down.

Joanna Pallen
Albany

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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Street libraries derive programs from locals

"Wherever men and women are condemned to live in extreme poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights be respected is a solemn duty."

— Father Joseph Wresinski, 1917-1988, founder of ATD Fourth World Movement



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

If a book has pictures of snow, for instance, and they have never seen snow, they may find it too unfamiliar and be put off. It is through these conversations that trust is built and a relationship can begin.

This approach reminds me of the one we use for any beginning reader. We start with the familiar and slowly, as confidence is built, move to the unfamiliar. Think of all those toddler books full of pictures of toys and familiar household items or kittens and puppies. From these, parents can move to larger vehicles or other animals, like tigers and elephants. Once a child knows a book can be relevant, they are willing to accept the new or strange. Street libraries work on the same concept.

Tim Walker has written a wonderful article about New York City street libraries that is available on tolerance.org, a part of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Walker describes the U.S. history of these libraries — going back more than 15 years — and gives a touching look at the impact they have had on the daily lives of more than 350 children each week. He talks more about the ideas behind them, stressing what he calls "the firm belief that all children can learn in the proper environment and that everyone — irrespective of their race, culture, gender, religion or socioeconomic status — has something to offer."

This affirming message came clearly from Patricia and Claude, too. Over and over, they emphasized how much we can all learn from each other. Their commitment to this work was inspiring, and I am grateful to have met them.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acilibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

1247 Marin Ave.

510-526-3720

acilibrary.org

Hours: Monday, 12-6 p.m.; Tuesday, 12-8 p.m.; Wednesday, 12-8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Palestinian poet Deema Shehawi will be featured on Thursday, Nov. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. Shehawi grew up in the Arab world and attended college in the United States, where she received a master's degree in journalism. Her poems have appeared or are forthcoming in several anthologies and literary journals, including the Atlanta Review, The Poetry of Arab Women, Crab Orchard, Valparaiso Review, Flyway, the Mississippi Review, and Arab-American and Diaspora Literature. The free event is in the Edith Stone Room, and open to all ages. Cookies will be served. Questions? Call Ronnie Davis at ext. 16 or rdavis@acilibrary.org.

■ Alison Seevak will hold a drop-in poetry-writing workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. Seevak is an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area. The free event is in the Edith Stone Room, and open to all ages. Cookies will be served. Questions? Call Ronnie Davis at ext. 16 or rdavis@acilibrary.org.

■ The library now has free wireless Internet. A library card is required. This service is available during library open hours. For more information, contact Ronnie Davis at ext. 16 or rdavis@acilibrary.org.

■ The library has several fall programs. Weekly sing-a-longs are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. by Dale Allen Boland, who has been sharing community music-making with the East Bay for more than 15 years. The sing-a-longs are free and for all ages. No registration is required. Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Participants knit blankets for kittens and puppies. Knitting needles and yarn are provided, and all levels of knitters are welcome. Preschool story times are held on Saturdays through Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. No registration is required. For more information on any of the programs, contact Ronnie Davis at ext. 16 or rdavis@acilibrary.org.

El Cerrito Library

6510 Stockton Ave.

510-526-7512

ccclib.org

Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 12 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday,

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Oliver Chin, a graphic artist and author, will teach a comic book workshop for teenagers in grades 6 through 12 on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 4 p.m. Participants will learn how to create storylines and draw comic book characters. The workshop is free.

■ Children ages 3 and up and their families are invited on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. for a special Children's Book Week craft program with local author Roberta Gould. Gould is the author of a number of children's craft books, including "The Kids' Multicultural Craft Book," "Kidtopia: Round the Country and Back Through Time in 60 Projects," and "Making Cool Crafts and Awesome Art." She will show some Huichol beaded bowls from Central Mexico, and will have materials available so each child can make one to take home.

■ The Contra Costa County Library's fourth annual teen reading program, "Like the Movie? Read the Book!," is open to teens in grades 6-12. To get started, pick up your reading record at the El Cerrito Library or download one from the library's Web site at ccclib.org. The program runs through Nov. 5. Everyone who finishes at El Cerrito will receive a ticket for the local raffle held in the library for an iPod Shuffle, CD player and shower radio, and other prizes.

■ The fall series of Lapsit story times (formerly known as Babytime and Toddlertime) will continue through

Nov. 17. These storytimes, which meet on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., are for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes, and includes songs, bounces, games and fingerplay in addition to the stories. No registration required.

Kensington Library

61 Arlington Ave.

510-524-3043

ccclib.org

Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ "Murder in the Library," a play written by Tom and Penny Warner, will be presented Sunday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. Contra Costa County District 1 Supervisor John Gioia and other well-known members of the Kensington community will play the suspects. The free event will include food and prizes.

■ The library has several fall programs planned. Family evening story times will be held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. except when pre-empted by special programs. Maggie Hooper from the Bat Conservation Fund will present a program on bats on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate Halloween. Illustrator Philippe Arnes will present his book "Meow Said the Mouse" on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. Jan Robitscher and her seeing-eye dog "Christmas" will present a program on guide dogs for the blind on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m.

■ Amy Gitelman's pastel paintings of Kensington will be on exhibit through Oct. 31. Gitelman paints on location with pastels, and is a resident of El Cerrito.

■ The newly formed Kensington Library Book Club will hold its first meeting Monday at 7 p.m. It will discuss Ethan Canin's novel, "Carry Me Across the Water," about intergenerational family issues, nurturing relationships, war, love and simple domestic pleasures. Subsequent meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of every month at the library at 7 p.m. The club is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

— Craig Lazeretti

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ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

ELEVATOR USE: Any injured student requiring an elevator key must come to the main office with a doctor or parent note indicating the extent of the injury and the span of time required for elevator use, and a \$25 deposit, which is refundable once the key is returned to the main office.

BOOSTERS MEETING: The rescheduled October Athletic Boosters meeting will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the library.

COLLEGE VISITS: Upcoming college visits: University of Oregon, Thursday, Oct. 27, 10:15 a.m.; Pomona College, Friday, Oct. 28, 12:45 p.m.; Colby College, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 9:20 a.m.; USC, Thursday, Nov. 3, 11:10 a.m.

COLLEGE RECEPTIONS: Upcoming college receptions: New York University, Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m., Grand Hyatt, San Francisco; Duke, Sunday, Oct. 23, 4 p.m., Crowne Plaza Cabana Hotel, Palo Alto; Tufts, Sunday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m., Oakland Main Library; Dartmouth, Sunday, Oct. 30, 4 p.m., Doubletree Hotel, Berkeley (at the Marina). For information on college visits and receptions, contact college and career coordinator Becca Burns at becca.burns@albany.k12.ca.us or 510-558-5200, ext. 2508.

SITE COUNCIL: Site Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., Nov. 2, conference room off the main office

Albany Middle School

PAL WRESTLERS: Brian Bernard, Jason Miller, Jacob Purkey, Jeff Stone and Ian Tom won championships at the CYC tournament the weekend of Oct. 8.

LUNCH VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed, especially sixth-grade parents, during lunch Monday-Friday from 12:15 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. Times vary on some days. Please contact yytom@sbcglobal.net.

GARDEN WORK: AMS needs help for weeding and other garden work on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Refreshments provided. All are welcome. Meet at the garden, at the north end of the parking lot.

PTA EVENTS: This month PTA activities will continue with the book fair, pot luck evenings, and the monthly meeting to share ideas and information. So far, about 200 families have joined,

donating more than \$12,000. This is the only time PTA will ask for a direct contribution this year. Donations of any amount are welcome; suggested family donation is \$65. Checks can be sent to AMS PTA Membership, 1259 Brighton, Albany, 94708. If you have any questions regarding membership, contact Teresa Barnett at teresabarnett@yahoo.com.

CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to the AMS cross country team on their performances in Orinda and Castro Valley. Outstanding performers include Mason Zupan, Jessica Quinn, James Pickering, Jenni Lee, Aidan Juengling, Nolan Tonkyn, Diedre Theis, Julia Lincoff, Jamie Lincoff, Elaine Leemans, Valeria Fedyk, Bridgette McGaw, Corwin Shiu, Asia Kwan, Maggie McKeown, Shayna Weimer and Siobhan Bauer.

BACKPACK DAY: Backpack Awareness Day at AMS has been changed to Wednesday (to avoid competing with book fair). Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day. Bathroom scales are needed for the backpack weigh-in. If you can help for 30 minutes or more, contact Ruth at rkxonoff@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Oct. 21: Picture make-up day; Oct. 28: First school dance, seventh and eighth graders only, 7-9 p.m.; Oct. 31: Sixth-grade Halloween party.

Cornell Elementary

HURRICANE RELIEF DRIVE: To help students affected by the recent hurricanes in the Southern Gulf states, Wilbooks has set up a Hurricane Relief Book Drive, which allows you to donate books to students whose schools have been affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. For every book purchased for these students at \$1.50, Wilbooks will donate an additional book to this cause. Wilbooks will pay the shipping and handling for both books. Books will be shipped directly to the affected students. For more information on this program go to: www.wilbooks.com.

PENNY DRIVE: The hurricane penny drive has been concluded. All funds collected will be donated to the American Red Cross for the purpose of providing relief for victims of the hurricanes. A relief penny drive for the earthquake victims in Pakistan will

continue.

SPANISH CLASSES: Spanish classes will begin Oct. 24 for first through third graders and Oct. 26 for fourth and fifth graders. Fliers going home contain information for after-school Spanish classes. Each session will consist of 15 hours of classes and costs \$150.

SUPERVISION POSITIONS: The school has a few noon supervision positions (11:45-12:45 daily) and para-educator positions (8:30-11:30) available. No previous experience necessary. Training is provided. For information, contact the school office at 510-558-3700 or the district personnel office at 510-558-3757.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Oct. 31: Halloween, shortened schedule; Nov. 17: PTA meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.

Marin Elementary

BOOK SEARCH: Marin School needs many copies of "Soup and Me," a book by Robert Newton Peck. The last printing was in 1987, so used copies in any condition are fine. If you have a copy you are willing to loan or donate, or if you have a way to locate more copies, please contact Ellen in the office.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Computer Club has parent volunteers on Mondays, every other Wednesday and Fridays, but still needs help on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Wednesday, from 12 to 12:30. You

don't need to know much about computers — just how to turn them on — the kids will train you on the rest.

Contact Karen Larson at Larsonke@mindspring.com or 510-558-8808.

PTA UPDATE: So far, about 60 percent of families have joined the PTA with a contribution through the annual membership drive. It's raised about \$10,000, with another \$1,000 for the fund to pay for more instructional aides. To send in your membership contribution, simply enclose your check in an envelope and send it to the office addressed to PTA Membership. Suggested basic family dues are \$25, but any amount is welcome and directly benefits the students at Marin School. If you think you've joined, but aren't sure, send an e-mail to: teresabarnett@yahoo.com.

BOOK OF FRIENDS: The Book of Friends, the Marin Directory, is nearly ready for publication. Forms are available in the office for correction of errors in the directory. Corrections are due Nov. 15, and the directory will be published in January.

CHALK IT UP: Chalk It Up, the 10th annual family fund-raiser to benefit the fine arts program, takes place Saturday and will feature food and music. A box of beautiful pastels and a sidewalk space are available in the office or will be available at the door for \$10.

T-SHIRT ORDERS: T-shirt and sweatshirt orders are due Oct. 28. This is the only chance during the school

year to order the goods. For information, contact Sarah Robson at 510-558-7484.

POTLUCK DINNER: The annual PTA International Potluck Dinner is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. An information flier is available in the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Oct. 21-23: PTA Book Fair; Oct. 22: Chalk It Up; Oct. 31: Halloween parade, 1 p.m.; Nov. 17: PTA meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.

Ocean View Elementary

BOOK FAIR: You can preview the new Ocean View apparel at the Book Fair until Monday. Apparel orders will be accepted from Oct. 25 to Nov. 3. This is your only chance to order for the school year.

POTLUCK DATE: The date for the International Potluck has been changed to Thursday, Nov. 17. The times are 5:30-6:30 for K-2nd grade, and 6:45-7:45 for 3rd-5th grade.

CRAFT FAIR: The Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

NO DOGS: Please do not bring dogs on campus, even when they are leashed. Dogs present safety and liability issues, and many students are not comfortable with unfamiliar dogs. Exceptions are made for service dogs.

HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY: If you wish your child to participate in this year's Healthy Kids Survey, please return the permission form to your child's

teacher. Information about the survey is available in the office or at www.wested.org/publications/s.html.

LEAD WARNING: Many vinyl boxes have been found to contain harmful levels of lead. The Environmental Health is fighting against manufacturers and information is available at hca.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Oct. 21: Halloween parade; Nov. 7-23: schedule for parent conference; 11: Veteran's Day, no school; PTA meeting, 7 p.m.; Thanksgiving holiday, no school.

Education Funders

SCHOOLCARE DONATION: School board meeting on SchoolCARE presented a suggested donation from the community for 2005-06, totaling \$288,000, covering reading specialists, library or instructional aides, elementary schools; eighth graders; librarian time, English learner support, a cross-coach at AMS; partial support counselor at Mac High; and teaching position (various) and support for the Winter action program and music after productions at AHS.

EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

El Cerrito High School

GATE MEETING: A GATE meeting will be held Tuesday in room 17 at 6:30 p.m. All parents and guardians of GATE students as well as other interested individuals are invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a parent representative for the GATE District Advisory Committee, review guidelines for the GATE program, discuss funding and address any questions or concerns you might have. Regional meetings for families of GATE students also will be held Monday at Highland Elementary and Wednesday at Chavez Elementary from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

YAHOO LIST: A new yahoo group list has been set up for messages regarding safety at ECHS. It is hoped this will improve communication about safety issues for the whole school community. To subscribe to the group "echsafe", send a blank e-mail to: echsafe-subscribe@yahoo.com. The group home page is at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/echsafe. Once you are a member, which will be confirmed by yahoo groups, you can begin posting. Please post concerns and facts only, with no names, and be respectful of others.

BAND CONCESSIONS: The band will run the Cal concession stand on Saturday at the Washington State game. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. Please arrive at 5 to 5:30 p.m. Call Janenine Haney-Ragsdale for more information at 510-672-3281.

CRAB FEED: The Albany/El Cerrito Exchange Club and El Cerrito High Athletics will present a crab feed on Jan. 29 at the Richmond Civic Auditorium. If coaches or sport groups would like their team to receive some of the proceeds, contact Michele Jawad at EcMjawad@aol.com.

COLLEGE VISITS: The following on-

campus college visits will be at lunch (usually 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.) at the College/Career Center. The list is updated frequently, and the bulletin board next to room 200 at the University of Oregon; Oct. 28: Pomona College; Oct. 28: Pomona College; Nov. 9.

Portola Middle School

PIE SALE: A Nation's pie sale will be held to benefit the Portola programs. Simply preorder your pie and send in your form with payment.

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established the Mercy Brown
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together "seniors who help
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distribution of high quality,
nutritionally balanced bags of
groceries that are available for
the senior-in-need. The program
depends on its volunteers who
are often recipients themselves,
and on donations which are
received through individuals
and organizations. "We are in
constant need of donations to

help keep this long-standing and
compassionate program alive,"
notes Joy Clinton, Director of the
Mercy Brown Bag Program.
"The community is encouraged
to help us make a difference,"
she added. Donations include
large quantities of non-
perishable food, cash, large
brown paper bags and rolls of
produce bags. Groceries are
distributed twice monthly to
twelve distribution centers,
reaching over 1,200 fixed income
seniors throughout the county.
Mercy Retirement & Care Center
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has been providing quality
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to older adults for more than 130
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call Joy Clinton at 510-534-8540,
ext. 369.

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O'Connor sure to stay active

SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR is retiring from the Supreme Court to take care of her husband, who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Although her kindness and generosity should be applauded, isn't it strange about the worst thing someone with her brain should be doing? How does one keep her brain sharp going from such a top-level position to caregiver? I was worried about her!

I didn't read that her husband's mental problems were the reason for Justice O'Connor's retirement. However, if that's her situation, it is understandable that she would want to do it. I suspect that someone with O'Connor's brain power will find ways to keep it sharp. She must have the habit of being mentally busy inasmuch as she was in such an exalted position for such a long time.

She is so famous and talented that she is certain to be asked for special assistance by others. There is also the possibility of being asked to speak to groups who are law-oriented. For the immediate future, I have no doubt that she will remain quite busy.

It is difficult to imagine the activities that a person of O'Connor's stature might pursue in her retirement. Are there any, I wonder, that are similar to those of ordinary people like you and me? Just as with exercise, it is difficult to slow down if you are in the habit of regular work, and mental activity is much the same, at least it is for me.

We recently took a 10-day cruise, and exercise was limited. We could do was walk around the deck and the occasional port. That's such a need for more. As for mental activities, I took a number of types of puzzles and



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

other games with me to try to be sure that I had enough mental problems to solve.

Perhaps O'Connor will try to work on mental activities with her ill husband. It would be a challenge, and if he has advanced Alzheimer's, a total impossibility. Still, we hope there is something special that we can do for a loved one, and it might well be of value to both of them.

No one, of course, would ask me to suggest activities for a person of that level, but if it did happen, I would make my usual suggestions. I think that puzzles, solving problems and learning new information are important for everyone.

If you are concerned about losing mental acuity and need to keep yourself sharp, think about finding challenging types of games and problems. Also, think about finding groups with which to participate. Social interaction helps with learning and encourages activity. Consider a class offered by adult education or a senior center. Meeting new people who are interested in the same subjects is always stimulating. None one of us is likely to become another O'Connor, but keeping maximum mental fitness is so important to all of us.

E-mail inquiries for Kensington resident Connie Lynch to conniew@att.net. Lynch, Ph.D., is the founder of Mind Works, a mental fitness program designed for older adults, and is the author of "Don't Lose Your Mind, Four Components of Superior Mental Fitness." For more information, call 510-466-5833.

Schools

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pick up your pies between 2:15 and 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 at the Portola gym. For more information, call or e-mail Lynn Chung at 510-236-5637 or at chungdc@aol.com.

GARDEN CLEAN-UPS: A garden clean-up party will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Lisa Graves at 510-558-6925 or e-mail lisagraves@earthlink.net.

Madera Elementary

OLYMPICS: The Madera Olympics will take place after school today from 3-5 p.m. on the lower playground. The students will jog, broad jump, basketball toss, jump rope, kick soccer balls, and do sit-ups to raise money for the school. All students participating will receive a gold medal and a bag of healthy snacks.

KENSINGTON SCHOOL NOTES

Kensington Hilltop Elementary

PIZZA WEDNESDAYS: After school by the multipurpose room. Pizza is \$1.50, juice 50 cents.

SIXTH-GRADE FUND-RAISER: The KEF Telethon has started. Extra packets are in the school office, or e-mail svandeneeden@sbcglobal.net.

LUNCHTIME VOLUNTEERS: Daytime volunteers are needed to keep things moving in the lunchroom, and during the lunch recess. You can volunteer just once or twice a month. E-mail karenshelbek@aol.com or call 510-525-1539.

YARD MONITORS: These are paid positions (about \$8.75 per hour) with flexible schedules — work as little as once a month. Visit the office to apply or call 510-231-1415.

TRAFFIC HELP: Help is needed to direct traffic in the morning and afternoon (adults only). Please contact the school office (510-231-1415).

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS: Come help with class library visits and read to children during recess and lunch. Contact Donna at donnaramey94530@yahoo.com or 510-558-0242.

—Craig Lazzeretti

HALLOWEEN PARADE: Madera students will celebrate Halloween with a costume parade on the lower playground at 1 p.m. on Oct. 31. The El Cerrito High School marching band will play during this event. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

Harding Elementary

POTLUCK IN PARK: Potluck in the Park for Pre-K families will be held Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at Cerrito Vista Park. Meet other families with preschool-age children who are considering Harding for kindergarten next fall. To RSVP: Contact Sharon at sj_jpm@berkeley.edu.

PTA ENROLLMENT: Basic family dues are \$10. Membership forms are available in the office. For more information, contact Kara at kara@tahoeheights.com.

PARENTS STILL NEEDED: To ensure the safety of children, Principal Taylor needs help before school (8:15 a.m.-

8:45 a.m.) and after school (2:15-2:45 p.m.). One parent is needed to monitor the hallway, and an additional parent is needed for the Ashbury Street entrance. Come to the school office to volunteer or call 510-231-1413.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: Please allow a few extra minutes during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times to find a legal space to park. Stopping in traffic lanes is illegal, and El Cerrito police ticket parents who do this.

FUTURE DATES: A dining out fundraiser will be held Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Rubios Fresh Mexican Grill at El Cerrito Plaza. Eat any time, and Harding receives 20 percent of the proceeds; PTA meeting, Monday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., location TBA; kindergarten tour, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m., school library. Presentation by parents and principal, classroom tours. Complimentary coffee and pastries will be provided. Please RSVP to the school office, 510-231-1413.


St. Jerome

INFORMATION NIGHT: Parents of preschool children are invited to a special kindergarten information night at St. Jerome Catholic School in El Cerrito on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. Principal Maria Korte and staff members will be on hand to talk about the school, a K-8 institution now celebrating its 50th year, and answer questions. The school is located at 320 San Carlos Ave. (top of Fairmount Avenue). Call 510-525-9484 for more information.


Tehiyah Day School

UPCOMING EVENTS: Preschool Havdallah Celebration, Sunday, Nov. 6, 10-11:30 a.m.; kindergarten information evening, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7-8:30 p.m.; middle school information evening, Thursday, Dec. 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

—Craig Lazzeretti



Harvest Festival



COTC Halloween Harvest Festival!

This year our COTC Youth Group will host a Halloween Harvest Festival that will feature horse and pony rides, a petting zoo, bake off contest, fun carnival games, costume contest & more!




When? Saturday, October 29th

Where? Here at the COTC! 1319 Solano Ave. in Albany, Pomona Ave. will be blocked off for our festival.

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Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Pam Middelings, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to pmiddelings@cctimes.com or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

Coming Up

Children/teens

■ **Los Amiguitos de la Pena** — Children's programs at 10:30 a.m., La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Oct. 22, Gary Lapow presents "Food & Fun." — Oct. 29, Betsy Rose. — Nov. 5, Harvest of Songs with Bonnie Lockhart, Fran Avni. Tickets: \$3-\$4. Details: www.lapena.org.

■ **Girls Softball Clinic** — Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 12, 19; 1-4 p.m.; Grove/Russell Park, MLK Jr. Way & Russell Street, Berkeley. Calling all girls! Come out and play ball with Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League. Professional women coaches lead free softball clinics for beginning and experienced players in grades 2-8. Details: www.abgs.org/CLINICS.HTM. RSVP to clinics@abgs.org.

■ **Smoke Detector Safety Day** — Oct. 26, Habitat Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Protect your home & family this winter; high quality, low cost smoke detectors available for sale in gift shop. A free smoke detector will be given away hourly. Details: 510-647-1111 or www.habitat.org.

■ **Big Dino Halloween Party** — Oct. 29, 6:30-9 p.m., Lawrence Hall of Science, 100 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. A Halloween party with teeth in it hosted by T. rex. Includes mask making, magic, scary stories, goody hands-on activities, refreshments, costume parade. Tickets: \$12-\$14. Reservations: 510-642-5134. Details: www.lawrencehallscience.org.

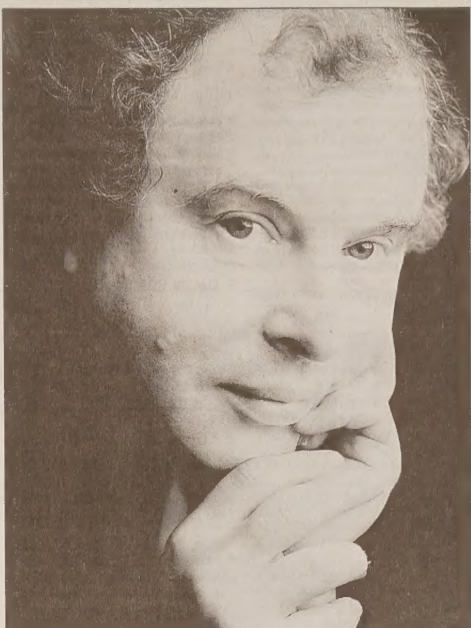
■ **Asheba & Halloween** — Oct. 30, 3-4:30 p.m., Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Halloween Party with Asheba, facepainting and more. Come dressed in your favorite costume. Admission: \$4-\$6. Details: 510-525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com.

■ **Habitat Halloween** — Oct. 31, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Habitat Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Wear your Halloween costume to a not-too-scary event for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Miniature golf in spooky cemetery, search for ghostly creatures in the Witch's Apothecary, fish for apples in water pool and make and take home Halloween slime in Art Studio. Pizza, beverages, cookies on sale. Details: 510-647-1111 or www.habitat.org.

■ **Day of the Dead** — Nov. 2, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Habitat Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a traditional Mexican holiday celebrating life and spirit. Decorate your own sugar skulls 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in snack room, create a papel picado banner all day, watch Enrique Martinez demonstrate traditional art of papel picado 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Details: 510-647-1111.

■ **Kindergarten Information Night** — Nov. 2, 7 p.m., St. Jerome Catholic School, 320 San Carlos Ave., El Cerrito. Parents of preschool children invited; Principal Maria Korte, staff members will talk about school, answer questions. Details: 510-525-9484.

■ **Crowden School Open House** — Information night, Nov. 2, 7-8:30 p.m., 1475 Rose St., Berkeley. Middle



SHEILA ROCK

HUNGARIAN PIANIST ANDRÁS SCHIFF performs at Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus at 3 p.m. Sunday. The program includes Haydn's Capriccio in G major on "Acht Sauschneider müssen sein" Sonata in E minor and Variations in F minor, as well as Beethoven's Sonata in G major Op. 31 No. 1 and Sonata in C major Op. 53 "Waldstein." Tickets are \$34-58. For more information, call 510-642-9988.

school, grades 4-8, combines challenging curriculum with chamber music program for students of strings, piano, composition. Future dates: Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Feb. 1. Details: 510-559-6910 or www.crowden.org.

■ **"Wild About Books"** — featuring Asheba, Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m., Berkeley Public Library-Central Branch, 2090 Kittredge St., 3rd floor, Berkeley. Free. Details: 510-981-6100.

■ **Albany Karate for Kids** — Accepting enrollment for fall at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Nonaggressive classes for ages 4-16 taught by a female black belt instructor. Classes help develop self-confidence, skill & are fun. Details: 510-847-2400 or www.albanykarateforkids.com.

■ **Kurukula** — Fall enrollment, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Empowerment classes for young women ages 9-13. Fun & dynamic self-defense class including music & discussions. Informal "Rap" sessions include bullies, boyfriends, peer-pressure & more. Details: 510-847-2400 or www.kurukula.com.

■ **Berkeley Rep School of Theatre** — Accepting submissions through Dec. 2 from local teens for its Target Teen One Acts Festival. Teens select two original plays penned by local students to be performed, directed, and staged by their peers. This year's theme is "Es-

cape." Details: www.berkeleyrep.org or 510-647-2972.

Community

■ **North Berkeley Senior Center** — Free events: Oct. 21, 1-5:30 p.m., Literary Friends: Lucille Ball & Ricky, Fred & Ethel. Details: 510-232-1351. — Oct. 24, 10:15 a.m., Elephant Pharmacy, 1607 Shattuck Ave. Parkinson's Support Group meets; Peter Koshland, PharmD discusses drug therapy. — Oct. 26, 1:15 p.m., Jeff Carlson talks to Low Vision Group. — Oct. 31, 1 p.m., Stagebridge actors tell tales. Refresh-

ments. — 1801 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-981-5190.

■ **"EcoVillage at Ithaca"** — Oct. 21, 7-9 p.m., Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Liz Walker speaks about EcoVillage Ithaca, a central New York state community that harnesses sun, raises food, produces architecture designed for people on foot, not car. Cost: \$5-\$10. Details: 510-548-2220 x233.

■ **Chalk It Up Festival** — Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Marin Elementary School, 1001 Santa Fe Ave., Albany. Create a "work of art" in chalk; proceeds benefit school's fine arts program. Fee: \$10 buys a cement square for the day & a box of chalk to keep. Refreshments. To reserve your square: 510-558-4740.

■ **Closing Plenary** — of "On the Frontlines" National Counter-Recruitment Conference, Oct. 22, 5 p.m., Valley Life Sciences Building Auditorium, UC Berkeley. Special guests Fernando Suarez del Solar, Peter Camejo, Zelina Zaatar, Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, Kevin Ramirez. Workshops, organizing sessions, cultural performances, morning & afternoon plenary sessions. Details: www.objector.org/moos-bay.html.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** — Pet adoption events, Oct. 22, 29, 12-3 p.m., cats at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave., Berkeley. — Oct. 29, 12-3 p.m., dogs at PetSmart, 1001 Eastshore Highway, Albany. Details: 510-267-1915 or www.hopalong.org.

■ **Future of the Supreme Court** — Oct. 26, 1 p.m., Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. Guest speaker Bob Egeko, Legal Affairs Reporter for San Francisco Chronicle, speaks. Refreshments. Details: 510-524-9122.

■ **Berkeley Gray Panthers** — Oct. 26, 1:30 p.m., North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. November election: review the propositions — Phil Hayes of SEIU United Health Workers on Props 73-80 and TURN speaks on Prop. 80. All welcome. Details: 510-548-9696.

■ **"Natural Textiles"** — and the Weaving Cooperatives of Southeast Asia, Oct. 27, 7-9 p.m., Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Rebecca Burgess speaks on six weaving villages in Indonesia & Thailand, slideshow on various techniques, more. Some textiles for sale; proceeds benefit villagers' work. Free. Details: 510-548-2220 x233.

■ **Halloween Harvest Festival** — Oct. 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Church on the Corner, 1319 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Horse & pony rides, a petting zoo, a bake-off contest, carnival games, a costume contest, more. Details: 510-526-6632.

■ **Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmer's Markets** — Tuesday's Market 2-7 p.m. at Derby Street & Martin Luther King Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers market 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at Shattuck Avenue & Rose Street. All organically grown produce featured. — Saturday's market 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Center Street & Martin Luther King Jr. Way. All are open year 'round, rain or shine. Details: 510-548-3333 or www.ecologycenter.org. Oct. 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Free Compost Giveaway.

■ **Bridge of Peace Ceremony & Conference** — Oct. 29, 1-5 p.m., UC Berkeley's Barrows Hall. Keynote speakers: Donzaleigh Abernathy, daughter of Civil Rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., "I'm Chocolate, You're Vanilla" author Dr. Marguerite Wright. Women dedicated to intercultural harmony, a more peaceful world for future generations. Presentations, workshops, entertainment, refreshments. Cost: \$15/\$25. Details: 510-377-0020.

■ **Meet Bunnical** — Oct. 30, 12-4 p.m., George V. Special Pet Gear, 1829 Fourth St., Berkeley. Enjoy Halloween Hijinx of rescued bunnies needing new homes. Details: www.rabbits.org.

■ **BMW Ultimate Drive** for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through October at Weatherford BMW, 750 Potter St., Berkeley. Test drive a fleet vehicle and BMW will donate \$1 for every mile driven. Details: 877-4-A-DRIVE.

■ **"Grassroots Nonviolent Resistance in Palestine"** — A Multimedia Presentation by The People Who Make It Happen, Nov. 1, 7 p.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Palestinian Ayed Morar, Israeli Jonathan Pollack are friends & major figures in nonviolent struggle against Is-

rael's military occupation. Details: www.norcalism.org/activists/510-381-1287.

■ **Bay Area's Women of Color Network** — Fall forum, 6 p.m., UC Berkeley's Clark Hall, 2801 Waring St., Berkeley. A professional, academic, leadership forum. Keynote speaker is Old Navy Jenny Ming. Cost includes light meal. Details: 415-44113 or www.wcan.org/forum.

■ **Breakfast, Golf, BBQ Fund** — Nov. 4; check-in 6:30 a.m.; start, 12 p.m.; lunch; Tilden Course, Berkeley. Coffee & morning round of golf, BBQ, prizes. Proceeds fund golf & tournament fees for Alameda County Youth Soccer League. Tickets \$100 per player, \$16 lunch; Alameda County Youth Soccer League, 1001 Nut St., Berkeley. Call 947-0972, Jim 510-548-8097.

■ **Kensington Elementary Garden Party** — Nov. 5, 5:30 p.m., Kensington Church, 1000 Kensington Road, Kensington. Food, music, large silent auction, MCed by ex-49ers Bubba Brown. Proceeds benefit Kensington Elementary School programs. Tickets: \$40. Call Christy 510-558-1842.

■ **2005 Crush Festival** — Nov. 5, 10 a.m., Doubletree Hotel, 2001 14th Blvd., Berkeley. Berkeley County Commerce hosts wine & food event. Guest host is KRON4's Tokuda. Minimum of \$1000 charity selected by Ms. Tokuda. Details: 540, 510-549-7003.

■ **Election officers needed** throughout Alameda County of Voters needs to staff poll for special statewide election eligible to register to vote in County, have basic clerical skills. Stipend range \$80-\$100. Details: 272-6971.

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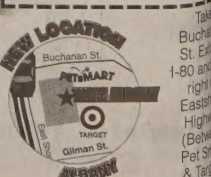
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Net Computer Lab — Nov. 10, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.; 5-7 p.m.; Open House. Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Blvd., Suite 100. Open house celebrates the opening of the SeniorNet Computer Lab. New software, recycling, and refurbished computer systems, and more. Meet volunteer instructors, discover other services. Refreshments. Details: 510-215-4340.

Chamber of Commerce — "The Community and the Partnership for Berkeley's Future." Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Tree Hotel, 200 Marina Blvd., Suite 100. Guest speakers: Mayor Tom Amodeo, Robert J. Birge, and Robert J. Birge. Cost includes lunch: \$35-\$60. Details: 510-449-7003.

Sale — Nov. 25, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 26, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Northridge Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Original Silver Jewelry sale. Presentation by 35 local designers in precious metal clay. Details: 510-449-7003.

Exhibit and Sale — Luminance Nov. 26-27, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Northridge Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Original Silver Jewelry sale. Presentation by 35 local designers in precious metal clay. Details: 510-449-7003.

Programs at the Albany Senior Center — 848 Masonic Ave., Albany: Union Support Group is at 11 a.m. on last Monday of each month. Free. — Massage Therapy is held at 2:30-5 p.m. and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost: \$10. — Smoking session, Smoking Cessation Group, Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. — \$3-\$10 per week. — Senior Issues Support Group,

Thursdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m., \$15. — World Affairs/Politics group meets Thursdays 3:30-5 p.m. for 10 weeks through Dec. 8, for people 60+ years. \$2.50/session includes refreshments. Details/registration: 510-524-9122.

Exhibits

Berkeley History Center — "Farming Berkeley." Oct. 23-March 25, 1931 Center St., Berkeley, Oct. 23, 3-5 p.m., Opening reception. Explores the production, sale, and social aspects of alcohol in Berkeley from the 1870s - 1970s. The Wets vs. the Drys, Berkeley's early prohibition will be featured. Details: 510-848-0181 or www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/histocool.

Fall Raffle/Auction — East Bay School for Girls, Oct. 23, 2-4 p.m., Saint John's Center, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$2.50 each or 12 for \$25. Over 65 raffle prizes, live auction. Details: www.ebsg.org or 510-849-9444.

Judah L. Magnes Museum — Through Jan. 22, "The Danube Exodus: the Rippling Currents of the River" by Peter Forgacs & Labyrinth Project. — Through Feb. 19, "Revisions Larry Abramson: Searching for an Ideal City." — Oct. 30, 2 p.m., Colloquium "Mining Memory." — Through Feb. 5, Second Floor Gallery, "Case Study: Emanuel El Sisterhood for Personal Service." — Through May 14, "Houses and Houseings: Portability in Jewish Faith and Culture." 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Details: www.magnes.org or 510-549-6950.

"Oil for Freedom — Iraq's Oil Workers and their Union," through Oct. 30, Berkeley Arts Festival Gallery, 2324 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Photographs by David Bacon. Oct. 28, 5-7 p.m., reception. Donations welcome for US Labor Against the War.

La Pena Cultural Center — Through Oct. 30, 3105 Shattuck Ave. "Viva Chile! Views and Voices" in restaurant & lobby. Details: www.lapena.org or 510-849-2569.

Berkeley Arts Festival Exhibition — Through Oct. 30, 2324 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Wednesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Two Berkeley Photographers: Deborah O'Grady's "The Soldier's Dream," David Bacon's "Oil for Freedom — The Story of Iraq's Oil Workers and their Union."

UC Berkeley Gallery — Through Oct. 31, "Paint Behaving Badly: Shrink-wrapped experiences and other forbidden tales." Plastic paintings for plastic times by Whitney Voburn & Philip Donahue. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Details: 510-848-6370.

Schurman-Scriptum Gallery — Arie Furumoto exhibit through Oct. 31 at 1659 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-524-0623.

"Single Moms: Invisible Lives" — Exhibit by local photographer Katherine Betts, through Oct. 31, Berkeley Library's Central Community Room, 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Details: 510-981-6100 or www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

The Musical Offering/University Press Books — Through October, 2430 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Exhibit of Jerome Carlin's Imaginary Landscapes, Berkeley Street Scenes, and Tilden Park Scenes.

Art of Living Gallery — Through Nov. 4, 2905 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. "Retro: A Photography Exhibition" by Harold Adler. Details: 510-482-3336 or 510-848-3736.

UC Berkeley Art Museum — Through Nov. 6, Matrix 218: Carla Klein "Scape"; Through Dec. 5, "Yosemite in Time"; Through Dec. 23,

"Taisho Chic: Japanese Modernity, Nostalgia, and Deco." 2625 Durant Ave. #2250, Berkeley. Details: www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-842-0808.

Oakland Library — Through Nov. 30, Asian Branch, Children's Area, 388 Ninth St., Suite 190, Oakland. "Minority Dong and Miao Peoples of China" photography exhibit by Berkeley photographer Chuck Marut. Details: www.oaklandlibrary.org or 510-238-3400.

Kala Gallery — Through Dec. 3, 1080 Heinz St., Berkeley. James D. Phelan Art Award in Printmaking with artists Jesse Gottesman, Cynthia Ona Innis, Matthew Hopson-Walker. Details: 510-549-2977.

Ames Gallery — Through Dec. 30, "Jewish Traditions: Works by Harry Lieberman." Through Dec. 10, "Fascinated with Faces" Three California Obsessives: Ted Gordon, Attilio Crescenti and Willie Harris. 2661 Cedar St., Berkeley. Details: 510-845-4949 or www.amesgallery.com.

Graduate Theological Union — "Georges Rouault: Miserere at Guerre," through Jan. 13, Flora Lamson Hewitt Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. Selected etchings on humanity's frailty and redemption. Details: www.gtu.edu/library or 510-649-2541.

Lawrence Hall of Science — Through Jan. 16, 100 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. "Big Dinos Return" dinosaur exhibit. Details: 510-642-5132.

Film/dance/stage

La Pena Cultural Center — Oct. 21, 9 p.m., La Familia Soni CD release party. \$10. — Oct. 22, 9 p.m., "Done Deal" CD release party with

Company of Prophets. \$8-\$10. — Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m., Mitote Jazz. \$12-\$14. — Oct. 28, 9 p.m., Los Boleros. \$10. — Oct. 29, 8:30 p.m., Flamenco Halloween with Flametal. \$18-\$20. — Nov. 2, 7:30 p.m., Patricia Isasa addresses Argentina's Dirty War. \$15. — Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m., Sarine Ballan. \$10. — Nov. 4, 8:30 p.m., De Rompe y Raja. \$13-\$15. — Nov. 5, 9 p.m., Orishas. \$23-\$28. — 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Details: www.lapena.org or 510-849-2568.

Ashkenaz — Oct. 21, 9:30 p.m., Grapefruit Ed, Flux. \$13. — Oct. 22, 9:30 p.m., Benefit for Ashkenaz with Sidewinders, Harry Best & Shabang. \$13. — Oct. 23, 2-5 p.m., Israeli Folk-dance. \$7. — Oct. 25, 8:30 p.m., Milan Milosevic Trio. \$10. — Oct. 26, 9 p.m., "Voice of Comoros," Nawal. \$12. — Oct. 27, 10 p.m., Grateful Dead DJ Night with Digital Dave. \$6. — Oct. 28, 9:30 p.m., Tony D. & Jungiz Apari, Brother Resistance, Yasmine Kouyate, Wawa Silvestre, Drumologist, Freelance, Aziza. \$15. — Oct. 29, 8 p.m., cajun/zydeco dance lesson, 9 p.m. Tom Rigney & Flambeau. \$13. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com.

Berkeley Art Center — "BAC International Small Film Festival," Oct. 21-22, 27-29; 7:30 p.m.; 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Richard Whittaker holds discussions after screenings. Gallery hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Free, donations accepted.

Berkeley High School — "The Laramie Project." Oct. 21-22, 28-29; 8 p.m., Schrimley Little Theater, 1980 Allston Way, Berkeley. Docu-drama about killing of gay college student Matthew Shepard, unravelling of an

American town. A story of hate, fear, courage and hope. First 100 folks free on Oct. 21. Tickets: \$6-\$12. Details: Jordan 510-332-1931.

Actors Ensemble — "Six Degrees of Separation," Oct. 21-Nov. 19, Fridays & Saturdays 8 p.m.; Nov. 17, 8 p.m.; Live Oak Theatre Stage, 1301 Shattuck Ave. John Guare's play examines threads of chance linking one person to another. Tickets: \$10. Reservations: 510-649-5999 or www.aesofberkeley.org.

Conscientious Projector Film Series — Oct. 21, 7 p.m., Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists' Hall, 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley. "Redemption" with Jamie Fox on life of Stan "Tookie" Williams, 5-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee, scheduled to be executed in December. Journalist Barbara Bechmel & Neighborhood House Worker Fred Jackson lead discussion afterwards. \$10; no one turned away. Details: 510-528-5403.

Central Works — "Achilles & Patroklos," Oct. 21-Nov. 20, Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday & Saturday; 5 p.m. Sunday. Gary Graves' new play about love & war. Tickets: \$9-\$25 sliding scale. Oct. 20, 27; pay-what-you-can. Details: 510-568-1381 or www.centralworks.org.

"Jane Austen in Berkeley" — Oct. 22-23, 7:30 p.m., Bread Workshop Cafe, 1398 University Ave., Berkeley. Andrea Mock gives free one-woman show. Struggling Berkeley single mom writes a novel with Jane Austen's help while searching for her perfect lifetime partner. Details: 510-841-9441.

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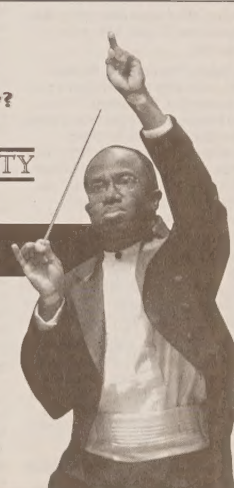
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■ **So Delicious** — Oct. 22, 8 p.m.; Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.; Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Featuring: Neopolitan, New Style Motherlode, Funkanometry SF, The Human Toy, Diamond Dance Company, more. For a mature audience. Tickets: \$20-\$25; call 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** — "You Can't Take It With You," through Oct. 22, Fridays & Saturdays, 8 p.m.; 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's comedy offers an inside look at irrepressible Sycamore family. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Reservations: 510-524-9132, group sales 510-524-6654.

■ **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** — Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" through Oct. 23, Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison St., Berkeley. Showtimes: Tuesdays & Fridays 8 p.m., Wednesdays 7 p.m. (except opening), Thursdays & Saturdays 2 p.m. & 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10-\$59; call 510-647-2949, 888-4-BRT-Tix or www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **"Tell It On Tuesday"** — Oct. 25, 7 p.m., Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Musical prelude, storytelling with Teri Varela, Ron Jones, Teresa Walsh, Bled Spence, Joseph Leonard. Tickets: \$8-\$12. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **"Soul Control/Control of Soul"** — (Overjive & Luce Cannon), Oct. 25, 8 p.m., Berkeley Arts Festival Gallery, 2324 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Reading of Arnie Passman's play involving a rejected CIA officer and a black disc jockey talking about their 20th century experiences. Tickets: \$5. Details: 510-665-9496.

■ **Pacific Film Archives Theater** — Film screenings at 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley: Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m., "Alternative Requirements: Experimental Works from Bay Area Schools." Details: www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-642-0808. — Oct. 30, 2 p.m., "Dr. Wennesland, an Icon Among the Beats." Reception follows. Free. Details: 510-845-4956.

■ **Piccolo Teatro di Milano** — Oct. 26-29, 8 p.m.; Oct. 29, 2 p.m.; Oct. 30, 3 p.m.; UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse. Goldoni's "l'Inferno, servitore di due padroni." Tickets: \$65; call 510-642-9988.

■ **Play Reading** — Oct. 27, 8 p.m., Berkeley Arts Festival Gallery, 2324 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. A Reading from Arnie Passman's play "Soul Control: Control of Soul" read by James King and Allen Taylor. Cost: \$5. Details: www.berkeleyartsfestival.com.

■ **Dick 'n Dubya Show** — Republican Outreach Cabaret, Oct. 27, 8 p.m., Berkeley Arts Festival Gallery, 2324 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Cost: \$10, card-carrying Republicans wrapped in American flag are free. Details: 510-841-1898.

■ **"The Arab-Israeli Cookbook"** — Oct. 27-Nov. 6, Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Robin Soans' play, directed by Clive Chafetz. Showtimes: 8 p.m. Thursdays & Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays except Nov. 6, 7 p.m. Tickets: \$7-\$22. Those under 25 are half price. Oct. 27, free. Details: 510-436-5085 or www.theatrefirst.com.

■ **Javanese Shadow Play, Music & Dance** — Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., UC Berkeley's Hertz Hall: Gamelan Sari Raras, directed by Midyanto and Ben Brinner. Tickets: \$3-\$10; 510-642-9988.

■ **Cinderella & Prince Charming** — Oct. 29, 4-6 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 2 Jack London Square. Meet & greet, preview performance of African-American Shakespeare Co.'s holiday show. Tickets: \$10; register at Website (www.African-AmericanShakes.org/RequestforInfo.htm), select "Barnes & Noble, October 29th" under Event, voucher will be sent to you; present at Barnes & Noble between 11 a.m.-6



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■ **"All Hallows Eve Showcase"** — Oct. 30, 2 p.m., Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Cal Revels presents English traditional folk music, storytelling, Morris dancers, more. Tickets: \$5-\$10; call 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **"Voices Underwater"** — Oct. 30, 7 p.m., Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. Traveling Jewish Theatre, Playwright's Foundation Abi Basch's play, a script-in-hand workshop production, directed by Amy Mueller. Tickets: \$12. Details: 415-522-0786 or www.aijt.com.

■ **"Political Satire & Me"** — Performance & panel, Oct. 30, 8 p.m., Berkeley Arts Festival Gallery, 2324 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Karen Ripley, Ed Holmes, Stoney Burke, Selma Spector, more. Cost: \$5. Details: www.berkeleyartsfestival.com or 510-665-9496.

■ **Youth Musical Theatre Company** — "Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street," Nov. 4-5, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 6, 3 p.m.; Nov. 10-12, 7:30 p.m.; Longfellow Middle School Auditorium, 1500 Derby St., Berkeley. Music & lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by Hugh Wheeler. Tickets: \$6-\$12. Details: www.ymtcberkeley.org or 510-595-5514.

■ **Impact Theatre** — "Crumble (Lay Me Down, Justin Timberlake)," Nov. 4-5, 8 p.m.; Oct. 10, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8 p.m.; La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Sheila Callaghan's story about love, grief, and letting go. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Details: 510-464-4468 or www.impacttheatre.com.

■ **Beijing People's Art Theatre** — "The Teahouse," Nov. 5, 8 p.m.; Nov. 6, 3 p.m.; UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$32-\$68; call 510-642-9988.

■ **"Finn in the Underworld"** — Through Nov. 6, Berkeley Repertory Theatre's Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison St. World premiere of a psychosexual horror story by Jordan Harrison. 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays; 7 p.m. Wednesdays; 2 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays. Tickets: \$30-\$59. De-

tails: 510-647-2949 or 888-4-BRT-Tix; www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Target at Family Series** — Nov. 6, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Berkeley Rep School of Theatre, Nevo Education Center, 2071 Addison St., Berkeley. Monthly theatre workshops for the entire family. Upcoming: Dec. 4, Jan. 4, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4. Free. Donation: bring a book for John Muir Elementary library. Details: 510-647-2972 or berkeleyrep.org.

■ **"Cry Don't Cry"** — Shotgun Theatre Lab, Nov. 8-10, 15-17, 8 p.m., Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. Exploration of tools people use to deal with life-death-rebirth cycle. Tickets: \$10; www.shotgunplayers.org or 510-841-6500.

■ **"The Winter's Tale"** — Nov. 9-12, 8 p.m.; Nov. 12, 2 p.m.; Nov. 13, 3 p.m.; UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse. Shakespeare's play with all-male production presented by British director Ed Hall's company Propeller. Tickets: \$65; call 510-642-9988.

■ **"Noises Off"** — Nov. 11-Dec. 10, 8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays, 2 p.m. Nov. 13, 20 & Dec. 4; Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Back by popular demand, a comedy about putting on a comedy. Tickets: \$15; 510-524-9132. Details: www.cct.org.

■ **"Marius"** — Nov. 11-Dec. 18, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sundays; Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. World premiere translation of Marcel Pagnol's first play in "Fanny Trilogy." Tickets: \$28-\$45; 510-843-4822 or www.auroratheatre.org.

■ **"Brundibar/Comedy on the Bridge"** — Nov. 11-Dec. 28, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison St., Berkeley. Tony Kushner, Maurice Sendak collaborate to present operatic allegory of innocence triumphing over evil and absurd commentary on war. Tickets: \$15-\$64; 510-647-2949 or 888-4-BRT-Tix, or www.berkeleyrep.org. — Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m., night/OUT, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender post-show party. Free with Nov. 17 play ticket.

■ **"Harvest"** — UCB's Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance; Nov. 11-20; Fridays & Saturdays 8 p.m.; Sundays 2 p.m.; UC Berkeley's Durham Studio Theater. Nov. 12, Playwright Manjula Padmanabhan joins director Sudipto Chatterjee for post-performance discussion. Tickets: \$6-\$14. Tickets/details: 510-642-9925 or http://theater.berkeley.edu.

■ **An Evening with Ira Glass & Chris Ware** — "Visible & Invisible Drawings," Nov. 12, 8 p.m., UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Art of storytelling via different media discussed. Tickets: \$20-\$32; 510-642-9988.

■ **Randy Cohen** — "How to Be Good," Nov. 19, 8 p.m., UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Ethics writer discusses his weekly New York Times Magazine column. Tickets: \$20-\$32; 510-642-9988.

Learning

■ **Centenary event** — Oct. 21, 4 p.m., UC Berkeley's Hertz Hall. UCB's Music Department celebrates its 100th year. Lectures, slide presentations, performances by University Chamber Chorus, University Symphony Orchestra with Center for New Music and Audio Technologies, Javanese gamelan and organ. Reception to follow. Details: http://music.berkeley.edu/calendar or 510-642-4864.

■ **Vista Community College** — Oct. 22, "Destination Studies: Hawaii." — Nov. 5, "Destination Studies: Alaska." Workshops are 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley. Details: 510-981-2863 or www.peralta.ca.us.

■ **Disaster Preparedness workshops** — 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in Berkeley: Oct. 22, South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.; Nov. 5, West Berkeley Senior Center, 1900 Sixth St.; Dec. 3, PG&E Facility, 2111 Martin Luther King Way. Free classes, conducted by Berkeley firefighters, provide training in self and home preparedness, neighborhood networking, and information on specialized training. Registration: Dory 510-981-5506 or www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/fire/oes.html.

■ **Tibetan Nyingma Institute** — Sundays, 5-5:45 p.m., Free Chant and Meditation. 1815 Highland Plaza, Berkeley. — Oct. 23, 6 p.m., Lama Palzang, Pema Gellek on "Ways of Enlightenment." — Oct. 30, 6 p.m., Bob Russo on "Holistic Program." Details: 510-843-6812 or www.nyingmainstitute.com.

■ **Practical Guidance for Healthy Aging** — workshop series, Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay Center for Older Adult Services, 828 San Pablo Ave., Albany. — Oct. 24 & 31, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., "AARP Driver Safety Certification Program." — Oct. 27, 4-5:30 p.m., "Caring For Yourself While Caring for Others." — Nov. 1, 4-5:30

p.m., "Community Resources for Daytime Care of Older Adults & Adults with Disabilities." — Nov. 3, 4-5:30 p.m., "Internet Resources on Aging." Details: 510-558-7800.

■ **St. John's Prime Timers Senior Center** — Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., flu shots by Berkeley Public Health Department, \$2; 11 a.m., Charles Fitch shows travel slides. — Nov. 1, 11 a.m., Don Worth leads current events discussion; 12 p.m., birthdays celebrated. — Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m., Dr. Helen Christensen performs blood pressure screening; 11 a.m., Stroke Seminar: video & printed materials available. Nov. 15, 11 a.m., "Let's Talk" with Helen. — Nov. 22, 11 a.m., Charles Fitch shows travel slides. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-845-8830.

■ **RabbitEARS event** — Oct. 28, 7-8:30 p.m., Batapalooza. Check out Halloween Hijinx of bats from Batopia, learn about bats from Maggie Hooper, enjoy bat cookies & bloodsucking fruit drinks. 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Details: 510-525-6155 or www.rabbitears.org.

■ **Professionalizing Your Home-Based Business** — Workshop presented by Leslie Philbrook, of Biesheuvel, Scarpa & Co. Business and Financial Services, Nov. 1, 7-9 p.m., El Cerrito Free, 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Free. Details: 510-526-7512.

■ **Free Lecture** — "Esoteric Energy Work from Around the World" by Irving Feurst, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., International House, 2229 Piedmont Exp., Berkeley. Irving Feurst discusses Tibetan, Hawaiian, Taoist shaktis' importance in reaching enlightenment. Details: 510-245-3737 x7.

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■ **Trees in the Garden and Landscape** — Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Learn about essential nature of trees, their utility for communities, how to best integrate them into landscapes and care for them. Bring photos and/or sketches related to tree or site questions, notebook or tape recorder, and bag lunch. Cost: \$10-\$15. Details: 510-548-2220 x233.

■ **Emergency Preparedness** — Nov. 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 327 MacArthur Blvd., Red Cross presentation hosted by Temple Beth Abraham Sisterhood. Bagel brunch served. Walk away with

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■ **California Shakespeare Festival** — Fall classes offered, Cal Shakespeareal Hall, 701 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. Classes for youth & adults. Tuition-based scholarships available. Erin 510-548-3422 x127 or shakes.org.

Literary events

■ **Food lovers' book signing** — Nov. 22, 1-3 p.m., The Pasta Shop, Street Market Plaza, 1786 University Ave., Berkeley. Peggy Knickerbocker discusses & signs her book "Soirees, Seasonal Menus for Traditional Dinner Parties." Dinner planning tips, tastings of key ingredients and recipes. Details: 510-845-1786.

■ **Poetry Flash** — Poetry flash 7:30 p.m., Cody's Books, 2840 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. \$2. — Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m., Paul Hoover, Paul Revell. Oct. 30, Francisco Javier Christopher Sindr. Nov. 5, Duhamel, Virgil Suarez. Nov. 12, Adelle Foley, Robert Swan. 510-845-7852.

■ **Berkeley Arts Festival** — Voices from the Before Culture Foundation: 3 Poets and a Poet. Oct. 23, 4 p.m., Berkeley Arts Festival, 2324 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Reading by Poets Karla Brunne, nessee Reed and Boadicea Wright Wajahat Ali. Details: 510-9496 or www.berkeleyartsfestival.com.

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Disaster

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There's a big earthquake, safety forces can easily overwhelmed.

Residents have to be prepared. Mark Scott, the El Cerrito and Kensington fire chief, said "government can't do everything for people in terms of meeting their needs during emergency, particularly in initial phases."

Scott and El Cerrito Battalion Chief Dave Gibson stressed residents prepare by enrolling into the city's 20-hour Emergency Response (CERT) classes. The next class will begin in January.

Many are looking at offering school classes in disaster preparedness next spring, when the hurricane hit, some wanted to get involved again in disaster preparedness, said Brian Crudo, the city's fire battalion chief.

In the event of a disaster, to warn residents to prepare on their own for at least three days.

Lipscomb is prepared. In a room on the side of her home, she has about a dozen gallons of water and two red 32-gallon cans filled with supplies including a First Aid kit, dog food, a whistle tied around a small black radio, a plastic bag, cooking utensils, plastic cups and plates, a tent, a hardhat, rain poncho and tape and more.

DISASTER TIPS

■ The Red Cross offers helpful tips on how to prepare for a disaster and how to plan for your pets, at redcross.org.

■ El Cerrito, Kensington and Albany will offer disaster training next winter and spring. Call the El Cerrito Fire Department at 510-215-4450 or the Albany Fire Department at 510-528-5770.

■ Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia will discuss county-wide disaster preparedness at Kensington's annual town hall meeting. The meeting will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

■ Residents in the Arlington Park Neighborhood will meet with El Cerrito Fire Battalion Chief Dave Gibson at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Arlington Park Club House. Gibson is helping the neighborhood prepare for a disaster.

Scott said El Cerrito was well-prepared for an emergency, but, like any city, it relies on large portions of society and government to remain

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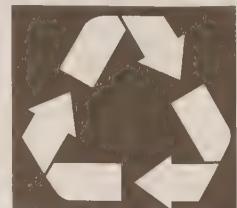
"Frankly, I have been overwhelmed by the level of stuff you need to have prepared," Sangster said. "It's not just having a mini First Aid kit, though you need that. There's a lot more than that."

Sangster and other residents in the Arlington Park neighborhood will meet with Gibson at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Arlington Park Club House, to organize the neighborhood to respond to a disaster.

Lipscomb said her main goal is to upgrade the paths that crisscross Kensington's winding streets so residents can evacuate easily.

However, Sangster and Lipscomb said they worry about senior citizens who live in Kensington and the El Cerrito hills who may have difficulty evacuating following a major emergency.

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"Maybe if three or four people are at my house," said Lipscomb, a member of the Kensington Improvement Club, "I probably have enough to handle it for three or four days."

Since Hurricane Katrina, El Cerrito hills resident Denise Sangster said she's spent a lot of time putting together supplies, not just for herself but for her pets, too. She got a list of 60 items for pets, including

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intact.

He posed the scenario of food and shelters not being easily transported because of collapsed or impassable freeways.

"At that point," he said, "you hope the federal government or someone else has a plan for that."

From a regional perspective, earlier this month Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher, D-Alamo, and Rep. George Miller, D-Martinez, met with members of public safety agencies, the National Guard and the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss

emergency preparedness and response plans for Contra Costa County.

In response to the Oakland Hills fire in 1991, the state developed the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) intended to coordinate all responding agencies and expedite the flow of resources and communication within all levels.

Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, who attended the emergency preparedness meeting this month, said he believed SEMS was a good model for the state,

though he, Tauscher and Miller are asking for federal help to upgrade the county's communication systems.

"It's an area where there needs to be continued improvement," said Gioia, who will speak about emergency preparedness at the annual Kensington town hall meeting on Oct. 29. "We're all looking for federal monies to help us with this because it's very expensive."

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Albany

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According to one of the poster-size photos, the development would compare in length and width to the Fourth Street retail corridor — stretching three blocks between University Avenue and Virginia Street — in North Berkeley.

Residents would walk between the surrounding retail, which would sit underneath about 200 apartments. Plazas and fountains would sit on either end of the development. On the north end would be an amphitheater-like setting with a trolley leading up to the top of Fleming Point.

A 2.25-acre park would sit there, along with a restaurant. An 80-room hotel would be built into the side of the hill. Nearby, a metal and glass building would hold a farmers market.

It would also include 20,000 square feet of community space, which may replace the Albany YMCA now located on Solano Avenue. A gray blob on one of the photos represented a parking structure.

Parks

FROM PAGE A1

Resident Nan Wishner said she didn't believe all of the trees were diseased.

"Why so many trees?" Wishner asked. "And why these particular trees?"

The council didn't address the concerns over trees at the park but did agree to establish a public art program and community gardens.

Terrace Park neighbors had concerns of their own. The city was planning to move forward with building new bathrooms and replacement storage space at the park.

Neighbors said they also wanted a small community center there.

"All other parks have a building," resident Nick Peterson said. "Our park has an abandoned building."

Mayor Robert Good pointed out that there are already meeting spaces at the city's community center and senior centers.

"How are you going to staff it?" Good asked. "Who's going to take care of it?"

Recreation director Melinda Chinn said a new building would cost \$400,000 and require money



DAVID ISLER looks over Albany waterfront development plans at the Albany Community Center. Developer Caruso Affiliated wants to have the project on the ballot by late next year or early 2007.

The whole development, consisting of two- and four-story buildings, would sit 200 feet away from the water.

"It's just so big, but there's nothing else there," Pock said. "What are the other options, just open space or a park?"

from other projects. She said she wanted to prepare a cost analysis to see how the building could be maintained with user fees.

Little league and soccer groups, meanwhile, pushed for the most expensive option for field renovations at Memorial Park. The council agreed to install sod instead of seeding the field, and replace the backstop, bleachers, bullpen, drinking fountain, benches at the dugouts, chain link fences and gates and re-grade the infield. Those options drove up the cost by \$202,085.

Roger Carlsen, a member of the Albany Little League board of directors, pointed out that money was available from Measure R, which residents approved in 1996 for new ball fields, open space purchases on Albany Hill and creek restoration.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do this," Carlsen said, "and do it right."

There's \$299,000 available for ball field renovations, said Chinn. The project will need an additional \$695,841.

The council could pay for it by allocating \$650,000 from the Measure R contingency reserve for sports fields, according to a city report. It would deplete all funds from the reserve for any future use

"This is the only proposal," responded Middlebrook, "that has the buy-in and support of the people who own the property."

Caruso has partnered with racetrack owner Magna Entertainment Corp. on the proposal.

The plans were the result of

meetings with hundreds of residents, according to one of the placards. Middlebrook told Pock that Caruso wanted to have the project on the ballot late next year or early 2007.

Voters would have the last say under Measure C, a waterfront pro-

tection measure approved in 1990.

Cheasty opposes the development while the racetrack is still in business. He believes the track will soon cease to operate. When it does, the land can be bought, and it can link the 8.5 mile Eastshore Park.

"If the racetrack were leaving," said Cheasty, "we would be interested in seeing replacement development close to the freeway that wouldn't block the shore."

Cheasty carefully looked over the drawings, asked Middlebrook questions, and took notes. He came back later to take photos of the displays.

"One thing that comes up repeatedly in meetings is a Nordstrom," said Middlebrook, explaining to one young woman what a brown square on the development plan could be.

"Some people are opposed to that," he added.

"Matt," responded Cheasty, standing nearby. "I'm not going to contradict you. Go ahead and give your pitch."

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PARK RENOVATIONS

The city of Albany is working on a \$3.4 million effort to renovate Memorial, Ocean View and Terrace parks.

At Memorial Park, the improvements may include:

- A redesign of the walkway promenade leading to the front entrance of the Veterans Memorial Hall and improvements to the plaza area in front of the building's entrance.

- Construction of a unified picnic area with barbecues just south and east of the baseball backstop.

- Complete renovation of the grass ball field on the north side of the park, including re-grading, leveling, ir-

rigation repair and improved fencing.

- Relocation and improvements to the batting and pitching cages.

- A new softball field with a permanent backstop/soccer goals.

- New entry features at the three entry points into the park.

Renovations at Ocean View include:

- Tree removal near teen center and planting of 24 new trees, aesthetic improvements, plus new benches and a new play structure.

- Refurbished group picnic area, including grading, drainage, concrete paving, a large built-in barbecue, new picnic tables, a sand volleyball court,

grading, irrigation, new shrubs, ground cover and sod lawn.

- Improving ball field lighting and reducing glare cast on the neighborhood.

- A new softball field.

- Improving the park entryway off Buchanan Street.

Renovations at Terrace Park include:

- Restroom replacement and new community center.

- Improving the drainage on the grass area.

- Renovating the group picnic area.

- Repaving of asphalt walkways and basketball court.

on the ball fields at Memorial and Ocean View parks, or on the possible UC Village Little League ball field project.

It would also deplete funds available to provide funding for the Gilman Street ball field project in Berkeley.

The council could also allocate money from the \$400,000 in the Measure R ball field funds identified for the improvement of the planned Pierce Street Park.

Not including the cost of the Terrace Park community room, the non-ball field-related projects

would need an additional \$400,000. That could come from a contingency fund from the Measure F bond measure residents approved for city infrastructure in 2002.

That would leave about \$700,000 in the Measure F contingency money available for any change orders or cost overruns during the construction period.

In a meeting held with the parks and recreation commission prior to the council's public hearing Monday night, project manager Bill Agire told the council that the city will not be able to put the

project up for bid in January, which is typically the cheapest time to do it.

He warned that if there are delays and the project is constructed beyond the anticipated starting date next summer, it may push up the cost by 5 to 10 percent.

"Time is money," Agire said. "Time is important."

The council spent more than four hours discussing the parks and didn't have time to discuss a potential affordable housing law. The council is planning to consider that ordinance at its Nov. 7 meeting.



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room tiles and balcony railings similar to 609 Kenwyn also in the neighborhood. The Laphams designed that in the same year, but there is enough evidence to call 590 a Newsom Brothers' design. Lapham built the home for his

daughter and son-in-law William E. Joost as a wedding present. Joost was vice-president and general manager of Electrical Products Corp. at 30th and Myrtle Streets in West Oakland. He and Harold R. Owen established the firm in 1923 as the National Electric Sign Corporation, which had western rights to Claude Neon lights.

Lapham's surviving grand niece, Mary Lapham, recalled in a 2000 interview that her great uncle used the architects William E. Schirmer and Irwin M. Johnson in his large construction business at the time. She and other members of the Lapham and Joost families spoke

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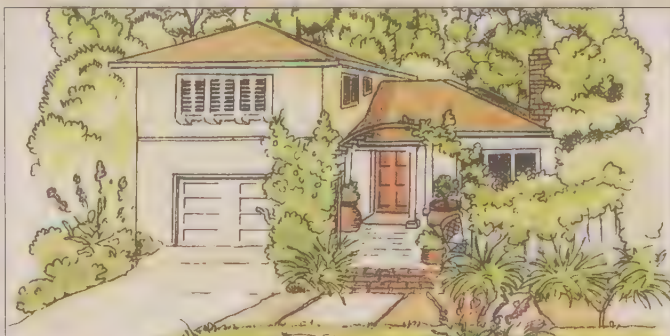
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of home's architects as the firm of Schirmer-Bugbee, with Johnson doing most of the work on the plans. Johnson was an unlicensed young apprentice doing drafting work for Schirmer in the late '20s. Because much of Schirmer's early work was moonlighted, nei-

Real Estate Spotlight:

Serene English Cottage in Kensington



THE SENSE OF SERENITY of the very private four-bedroom, two-bath home at 71 Ardmore Road, Kensington, is immediate. One enters a lovely courtyard garden under a high trellis and through beautiful copper and wood gates. Artistic comforts and conveniences, such as the gate house with its Dutch doors and leaded-glass window, are placed carefully throughout. Light was a major concern for the current owners, and many renovations they made invite sunlight at all times of the day. The handsome living room is partially separated from the formal dining room by antique veranda doors, allowing gorgeous garden light from huge windows to illuminate it. The kitchen/dining area has more garden views, two skylights and French doors that lead to the deck. Wisteria and rose-covered steps lead to an established English country garden full of fragrant and fruiting plants. Two upstairs bedrooms have wooded views and a peek of the Bay; the bathroom has views and exquisite stained-glass windows. Two lower-level bedrooms have their own pretty bath, a separate entrance, and plumbing for a kitchenette. Close to Kensington Village shops, transportation, library and prestigious Hilltop School.

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ther he nor the firm could be acknowledged on the permit. Accordingly many of the home's design features can be seen in other Schirmer houses of the period. The exterior of 590 Radnor Road can be described as Monterey style, with an overhanging second story

rooms and a balcony on elaborately sawn exposed beams, thick adobe-like porch and window arches, paired casement windows and shutters with rustic iron hardware. A white concrete fence wraps its way down the edge of the sloping lot in a series of waves. At its up-

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ous remodeled 4+Br/3 ba home. Almost 1/2 acre, level, landscaped. HWF, fireplace in living room. Bay view. Office/Au Pair private entrance.

Shin 339.8400~339.4565

OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M. WHITE MARYOLA CT \$869,000

3BR/2ba house located at a quiet de-sac. Beautiful sunny level

Nash 339.4000~899.6313

OPEN SAT/SUN 1-5 P.M. MONTCLAIR \$749,000

1740 MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD

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OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M. OAKLAND \$745,000

3660 CALAFIA AVENUE

Remodeled 3bd/2.5ba Contemporary Tudor. Office/Au pair w/separate entry. HWF's, FP in lvg rm, 2 car garage, large landscaped yd w/patio & play area.

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OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M. PIEDMONT PINES \$739,000

6340 MELVILLE DRIVE

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OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M. OAKMORE AREA \$699,000

1781 CASTERLINE ROAD

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OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M. GLENVIEW 4042 CANON AVENUE \$579,000

\$50K price reduction on this Glenview charmer. 3 bedrooms, hwd flrs, updated kitchen & bath. Walk to school, park, bus & shops. Call today, won't last!

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OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M. DIMOND (UPPER) \$699,000

3836 LYMAN ROAD

Just Listed! Spacious & updated! Bright home w/large airy rooms. New windows, new deck plus deep yard. Formal dining rm, huge family rm. See photos at:

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3027 SEMINARY AVENUE

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2008 -88TH AVENUE

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Unique condo across from Rockridge Shopping Center is sunny (top floor), quiet, and has elegant hardwood floors, and kitchen updates.

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PIEDMONT \$650,000

60 WILDWOOD AVENUE

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Explore the homes of Haddon Hill

■ Oakland Heritage Alliance offers tour this Sunday

Visit outstanding examples of Spanish Eclectic, Italian Renaissance, Tudor, and French Eclectic style homes with commanding views of downtown Oakland, the Bay and the Oakland Hills. Situated just east of Lakeshore Avenue and south of MacArthur Boulevard near Lake Merritt, Haddon Hill was developed in the 1920s and 1930s according to street plans designed by Olmsted Brothers, the sons of Frederick Law Olmsted.

The emphasis was on broad, gracious streetscapes, punctuated by fountains, urns, and planted areas. Attendees are invited to visit the Cleveland Cascade as part of the tour – a stunning Italian-inspired water feature designed in the 1920s. Plans are underway to fully restore the Cascade.

One of the most historically and architecturally significant homes included on the tour is an elegant Italian Renaissance Revival residence designed in 1924 by a prominent local architect William Edward Schirmer for industrialist Henry J. Kaiser and his family. The house, with its arched Palladian windows and expansive raised terrace with balustrades, is currently undergoing extensive renovation; the new owners are planning to restore the home to its former glory.

Proceeds from the tour benefit the Oakland Heritage Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Oakland's significant architectural, cultural, and historic assets. This year, the organization celebrates its 25th anniversary. The house tour is self-guided from 1 to 5 p.m., in a compact area with easy walking.

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 the day of tour, and \$25 for OHA members.

Register for the tour at 550 El Embarcadero (lake-facing side of the Lakeview Library) or the "pocket park" at McKinley Ave. and Kenwyn Rd. Refreshments served.

Volunteers receive complimentary admission to the tour – contact OHA to volunteer! Tickets may be purchased through the Web site, by phone, fax and mail. For further information, please contact OHA at 510-763-9218, info@oaklandheritage.org, or visit www.oaklandheritage.org.



DENNIS EVANSKY

GRACING THE BASEMENT: A hand-painted reproduction of wall paper by de Gournay of London depicts an anonymous artist's fantasy of Pizarro's 16th century arrival in Peru.

Tour

FROM PAGE B1

The metalwork on this house is notable; window grilles, the porch lantern, the interior light fixtures and the unusual square door handles.

The entry hall is paved in quarry tile; so are the stairs, with polychrome tile risers from the San Jose firm of Solon and Schemmel. The entry ceiling has beams that continue from the porch roof outside. The stairwell is tall and open with a vaulted ceiling and an oculus at the top of its tall south wall. The front door and arched paired doors to the living room and dining room have interlocking patterns of paneling, in the same spirit as the intertwined ironwork.

Like other houses on Haddon Hill, this home's living room is a one-story wing, which allowed the construction of a striking cathedral ceiling. This room has a dark wood open beamed ceiling with turned kingposts and elaborately scalloped crosspieces, a random-plank floor, and an unusually small fireplace with a hammered metal surround.

The kitchen and utility areas have been redone. The kitchen's most striking feature is a frieze circling the room just below the ceiling composed of Latin quotations in gilded letters on a blue background, a non-culinary feature inspired by the studio of the Duke of Urbino now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The basement houses a newly created music room with a hand-painted reproduction of wallpaper by de Gournay of London. The scene, "Les Incas," originally

The living room ceiling has a dark wood open beamed ceiling with turned kingposts and an elaborately scalloped crosspiece that add flair.

printed by the Dufour Company around 1818, depicts an anonymous artist's fantasy of Pizarro's 16th century arrival in Peru.

Six doors and the stairwell open off the upstairs landing, leaving only narrow columns of wall, and interesting views from room to room. At the southeast is what looks like a traditional boy's bedroom, with a low arched tongue-and-groove ceiling. The northeast bedroom has French doors at the corners that open onto little wrought iron balconies, flanking a corner column with California-motif capital. This room has an unusual 19th century Swedish Arts and Crafts bench with mother of pearl inlays and cabinets built into the arms.

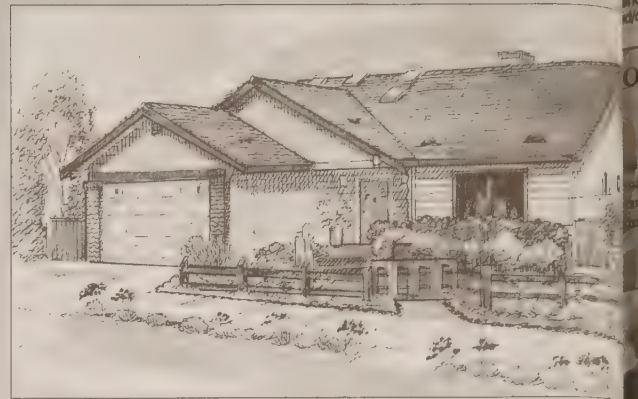
The master bedroom opens onto the front balcony. Two walls currently display the owners' small collection of vintage and contemporary European and California tiles.

A new floor of Italian and Talavera tiles was installed recently by Riley Doty and Phylce Snyder.

— Original text by Betty Marvin and Ed Phillips; revised by Bill Moore, Gary Encinas and Dennis Evansky

Real Estate Focus:

Flowing garden complements Oakland home



THE BEAUTIFULLY REDONE HOME at 6241 Contra Costa Road in Oakland's Upper Rockwood tucked away on a quiet cul de sac. The home's lovely hillside garden designed and planted by Horticulture, which was founded by a pair of tremendously talented garden designers with a way of botanical knowledge and a keen eye for design. This flowing garden makes the best of an ally ignored hillside space. As described on their Web site, www.Plantethorticulture.com, "the team infused the landscape with the plant communities that reflect botanical knowledge and ecological awareness". A lovely solution for an unusual hillside. The home itself was recently redone by a trio of well known locals, Claudia Ellinghaus, Mike David and Chris Lasak. As you enter, and nearly every room, there is a straight-on San Francisco view enhanced by the open floor plan, clear glass deck railing. The kitchen features black honed granite and rift-cut white oak cabinets, bathrooms have limestone floors, wall-hung toilets, soaking tub and custom showers. The master level in, has four bedrooms, three and one halfbaths. The master suite is nicely separate from the bedrooms, has a sensational bath, huge walk-in closet, nice deck, and of course, the tremendous view.

Price: \$1,650,000

Listing agent: Carolyn Jones at The Grubb Co., 510-339-0400

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Represented the seller



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Delightful traditional home with great potential. Three bedrooms, two baths, spacious family room, fantastic level garden area ready for landscaping. Ideally located near Dracena Park. A wonderful opportunity.

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In order to handle risk appropriately, proper portfolio management

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LEILA GOUGH
Money Matters

old sold

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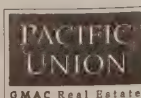
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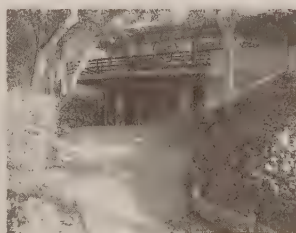
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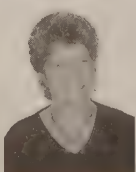
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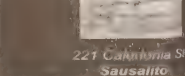
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Price home to sell in a changing real estate market

Sellers face more competition than last year

INMAN NEWS

The number of home sales in the Bay Area was the third highest ever recorded, according to the National Association of Realtors. But anecdotal evidence suggests that the market is changing. In some areas, home sales have been slow, but in the Midwest, home sales have been brisk, but the market is cooler than it was in early



DIAN HYMER
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spring.

It's still a great time to sell provided you have realistic expectations. Interest rates are low, which

means that buyers can afford to pay more than they would if rates were to rise significantly.

Here's what home sellers should consider if the market shifts from a strong seller's market to a more sensible balanced market.

You will probably face more competition than you would have if you sold last spring. Other homeowners also think now is a good time to cash in on the phenomenal appreciation that has occurred over the past few years.

This doesn't mean it's not a

good time to sell. But it does mean that you might not sell with multiple offers, so don't count on extreme overbidding. It could also take longer to sell. You might face more negotiation.

Until recently, many sellers in the

Bay Area exposed their homes to the market for a week or two before entertaining offers. This was done to generate multiple offers, which often resulted in higher sale prices. When the inventory of homes for sale is very low, this can be a very

productive strategy.

Lately some sellers who waited to hear offers ended up with no offer on the designated offer date. In most cases, this was due to overpricing. The listings that are still at-

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Martha's new house: Renewing an outdated kitchen

Number 498 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Our friend Martha just bought a small, very cute old house that she's in the process of redoing. She bought the house from a lady who, at age 96, has moved to a residential care facility where Martha hears she's doing well.

Martha loves the house but it does need things. When Anet and I saw it, every room was completely empty, swept clean and almost all original.

At the back of the house is a large and wide kitchen. A long row of cabinets stands mid-room — not against a wall — and the sink is placed to one side. The cabinets and sink face the back wall of the house with windows and a door opening to the back yard.

Counters and a low backsplash are covered in ancient red linoleum. Someone has propped up a square of aluminum behind the sink faucets as a water guard. But the damage to the red lino is extensive. The color is faded and blackened and there are holes in spots.

The cabinets themselves are wonderful, at least to my eye. They are my favorite kind: old and deep and heavy, built of clear fir. The doors, shelves and drawers are more than half an inch thick.

Cabinets like these were installed in just about every kitchen in every old house I've ever seen constructed from 1900 to around 1930, possibly as late as 1940. Sometime after that the style changed to wood that is milled thinner giving a leaner, more modern look.



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I find the old cabinets so appealing that once I imported them into a kitchen I was redoing. I was able to find discarded cabinets at

salvage yards for very little money. I had them lined up and raised to the same level and on top I put a 3 inch slab of pine.

I had to be careful to keep the pine dry but I loved that kitchen, those cabinets and the counters.

The day that we stood with Martha and looked at her kitchen, I went on and on about my love of her old cabinets with the red linoleum top. Martha said she was going to need new ones. I said they don't make them like that anymore.

Martha pointed out that the drawers don't open smoothly. I said that could be fixed. She didn't like where the cabinets were placed. I said they could be moved.

In my current kitchen I have fabulous old cabinets recycled from a hospital chemistry lab. The wood is

unpainted fir inside and out, hinges, latches and pull brass. I love everything about it. Many of the drawers have round keyed locks.

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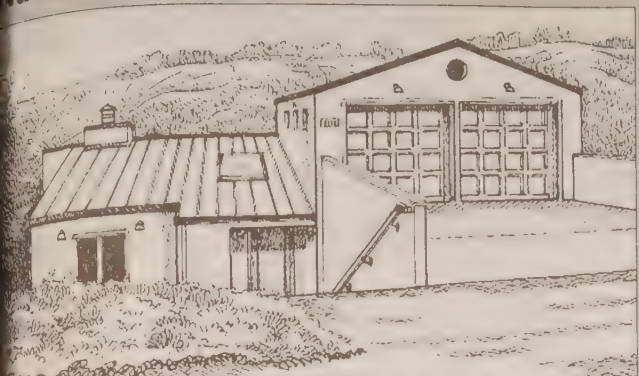
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The Berkeley Historical Society announces its series of fall walking tours through Saturday, Nov. 12 with a bonus tour of the Ashby Arts District.

Tours start at 10 a.m. and end at noon. Tours are limited to 30 participants unless otherwise noted and pre-paid reservations are required. The non-refundable donation for each tour is \$5 for BHS members and \$10 for general public.

Season tour tickets are available for \$30 for members only for \$30 for general public. BHS annual membership is \$10 for an individual and \$25 for a family. Tours conducted rain, snow or Berkeley fog, and are wheelchair accessible unless noted otherwise.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

Information Around the Old Santa Fe Station

Lead architect, David Finn will present the recently completed new Synagogue, Netivot (Paths of Peace). Then Phil B-S Board Member and early expert will tell about the history of the Santa Fe Station.

Richardson, business manager will lead us on a tour of the Morasson School. Last we will go to the studio of Michele Young in the Strawberry Creek Center.

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

Berkeley Sidewalk Secrets

This tour looks at concrete sidewalks, curbs, driveways retaining walls and other concrete features of the South Berkeley residential landscape. A group of concrete contractors and artists provide clues about urban history and economic history. Similarities, hydrants and other street plates document early water utilities and local changes.

led by Ken Duffy, a South Berkeley native who grew up noticing underfoot as well as overhead. He is a technical writer and with a degree in geography. Cushing, who has been creating and publishing change graphics since 1970, is a company Ken. He is a librarian at the Bancroft Library formerly at UC Berkeley's Institute of Industrial Relations.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

Bonus tour... Ashby Arts District — Old

A bonus tour for those submitting to at least three Fall Walk-tours, you are invited to join a tour. Meet Justin Katz at Epic Studio. Community Arts and Center for music, murals and other events. Then to Patrick, founder and artistic director of Shotgun Players, an East Bay theatre company now residing at Ashby Stage in South Berkeley. Around the corner to meet Klot, owner of Loris Museum and Textiles and view the collection of the finest of an artwork.

Tours start at 10 a.m. and end about 1 p.m.

Can home owner receive emotional distress?

BY ROBERT J. BRUSS

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In 1987, Barbara and George Dawson purchased their home. They obtained a home loan from a predecessor of Washington Mutual Bank (WaMu).

In 1996, the mortgage was in default. WaMu scheduled its foreclosure sale. But just before that sale, George Dawson filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

WaMu claimed it did not receive notice of the bankruptcy filing so it proceeded with the foreclosure sale and took title to the home when no bidders showed up at the auction.

WaMu then began eviction of the Dawsons. When it then received notice of George's earlier Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing, WaMu withdrew

its eviction filing which violated the bankruptcy automatic stay.

However, in 1998 the Dawsons filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy reorganization. WaMu filed a proof of claim as to the mortgage debt still owed. But the Dawsons claimed emotional distress damages for WaMu's violation of the bankruptcy automatic stay in George's prior Chapter 7 bankruptcy in 1996.

If you were the bankruptcy judge would you rule the Dawsons are entitled to emotional distress damages when WaMu violated the bankruptcy automatic stay in 1996?

The judge said no.

Because mortgage lender WaMu was not notified of George Dawson's bankruptcy filing in 1996, it was quite reasonable in conducting the foreclosure sale

and proceeding with eviction, the judge explained.

However, upon being informed of Dawson's bankruptcy filing, WaMu promptly terminated its eviction action, the judge ruled.

Damages for emotional distress for violation of the automatic stay are available under federal law, the judge continued, but the circumstances must be "egregious" for damages to be awarded to the debtor.

Under the circumstances, WaMu's violation of the bankruptcy automatic stay was innocent and not egregious so no emotional damages shall be awarded, the judge ruled.

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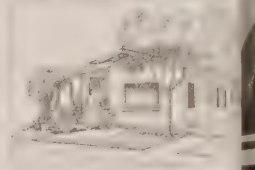
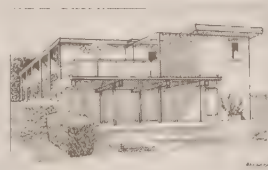
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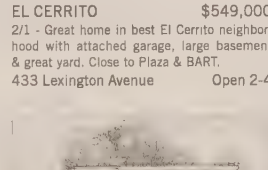
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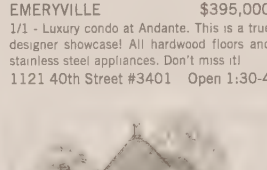
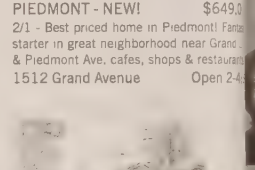
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TRIPLEX - Vacant 3/1 house with attic + 2 units for family or rental income, many upgrades. Near park, shops & BART.
1226 Russell Street Open 2-4

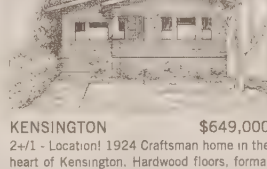
BERKELEY \$719,000
2/1 - Extremely charming petite Normandy gem! Beautifully landscaped lot, cathedral ceiling, detached garage, peek view, more.
643 Cragmont Avenue Open 2-4:30

BERKELEY \$599,000
2/1 - Darling bungalow blocks from Berkeley Bowl & College Avenue. Original details, wood floors. Photos @ www.katieandmaria.com.
2930 Fulton Street Open 2-4

BERKELEY \$575,000
3/1.5 - Awesome townhome near Berkeley Bowl. Remodeled kitchen with granite counters, Pergo floors, private patio & roof deck.
2141 Oregon Street #1 Open 2-4

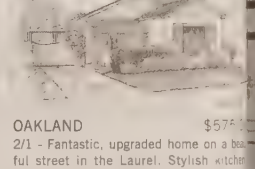
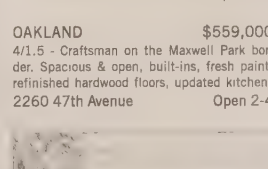
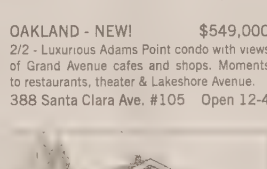
EL CERRITO \$585,000
3/1 - Great home in best El Cerrito neighborhood. Close to Plaza, BART & all great E.C. amenities. Attached garage & French doors.
417 Lexington Avenue Open 2-4

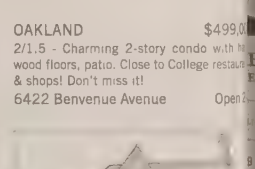
EL CERRITO \$579,000
2/1 - Million dollar Bay views & delightful architectural charm. Fresh, vibrant paint, remodeled kitchen, beautiful gardens, more.
1416 Scott Street Open 1-4

EL CERRITO \$559,000
3/1 - Spacious house with potential to expand. Large yard, updated kitchen & hardwood floors. Moments to Del Norte Blvd.
6628 Cutting Boulevard Open 2-4

EL CERRITO \$549,000
2/1 - Great home in best El Cerrito neighborhood with attached garage, large basement & great yard. Close to Plaza & BART.
433 Lexington Avenue Open 2-4

EL CERRITO \$539,000
2/1 - Cute cottage surrounded by gardens. Updated kitchen, fireplace, nice floor plan, move right in. More at www.heidiandjerry.com.
7485 Curry Avenue Open 2-4

EMERYVILLE \$395,000
1/1 - Luxury condo at Andante. This is a true designer showcase! All hardwood floors and stainless steel appliances. Don't miss it!
1121 40th Street #3401 Open 1:30-4

PIEDMONT - NEW! \$649,000
2/1 - Best priced home in Piedmont! Fantastic starter in great neighborhood near Grand & Piedmont Ave. cafes, shops & restaurants.
1512 Grand Avenue Open 2-4

KENSINGTON \$749,000
2+1/1 - Mid-century with lavish 2003 kitchen. Lots of space for home office/projects. Minutes to Berkeley. Visit www.heidiandjerry.com.
199 Purdue Avenue Open 2-4

KENSINGTON \$649,000
2+1/1 - Location! 1924 Craftsman home in the heart of Kensington. Hardwood floors, formal living room with fireplace, great yard.
1644 Oakview Avenue Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$579,000
3/1.5 - Located on a great street in Maxwell Park. This is a must see... spacious and beautiful, inside and out!
4814 Allendale Avenue Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$579,000
2/1 - Fantastic, upgraded home on a beautiful street in the Laurel. Stylish kitchen, remodeled bath, sunny deck, hardwood floors.
2515 Carmel Street Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$559,000
4/1.5 - Craftsman on the Maxwell Park border. Spacious & open, built-ins, fresh paint, refinished hardwood floors, updated kitchen.
2260 47th Avenue Open 2-4

OAKLAND - NEW! \$549,000
2/2 - Luxurious Adams Point condo with views of Grand Avenue cafes and shops. Moments to restaurants, theater & Lakeshore Avenue.
388 Santa Clara Ave. #105 Open 12-4

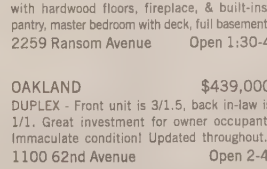
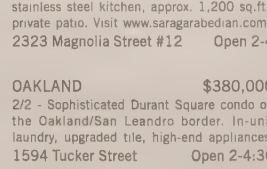
OAKLAND \$525,000
2/1 - Sweet, sunny and stylish Laurel bungalow with a country kitchen, deck with Bay view. Located on a stunning corner lot.
3750 Madrone Avenue Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND \$499,000
2/1.5 - Charming 2-story condo with hardwood floors, patio. Close to College restaurant & shops! Don't miss it!
6422 Benvenue Avenue Open 2-4

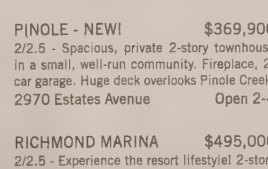
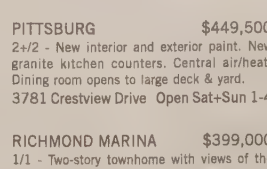
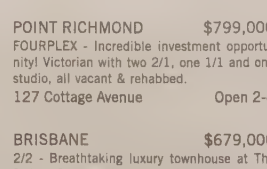
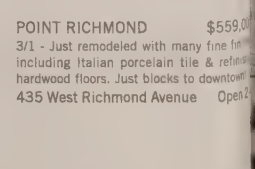
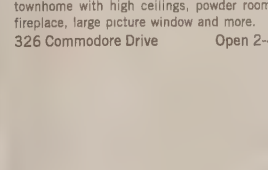
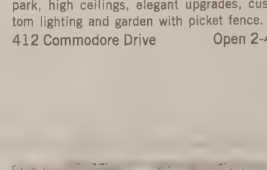
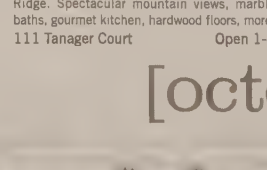
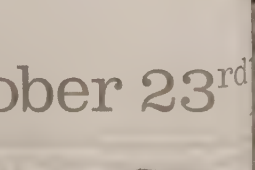
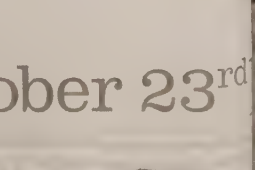
OAKLAND - NEW! \$499,000
2/1 - Move right into this lovely home. New bamboo floor, spacious kitchen, beautifully landscaped, huge backyard, freshly painted!
7916 Winthrop Street Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND \$485,000
3/2 - Classic Craftsman with grand front rooms with hardwood floors, fireplace, & built-ins, pantry, master bedroom with deck, full basement.
2259 Ransom Avenue Open 1:30-4

OAKLAND \$479,000
LOFT - Two-story with volume, space & light; stainless steel kitchen, approx. 1,200 sq. ft., private patio. Visit www.saragarabedian.com.
2323 Magnolia Street #12 Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$479,000
2/1 - Storybook home in the historic Northwood Gardens. Gorgeous hardwood floors, formal living room, fireplace, wonderful details throughout.
5638 Picardy Drive Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$479,000
3/3 - Victorian with original charm & detail. Pergo floors, upgraded systems (electrical, plumbing, foundation), fireplace, backyard.
1937 East 23rd Street Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$439,000
DUPLEX - Front unit is 3/1.5, back in-law is 1/1. Great investment for owner occupant. Immaculate condition! Updated throughout.
1100 62nd Avenue Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$380,000
2/2 - Sophisticated Durant Square condo on the Oakland/San Leandro border. In-unit laundry, upgraded tile, high-end appliances.
1594 Tucker Street Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND \$359,000
LOFT - Sleek, sunwashed 830 sq. ft. loft/warehouse conversion with mezzanine & parking. Visit www.saragarabedian.com.
2323 Magnolia Street #3 Open 2-4

PINOLE - NEW! \$369,900
2/2.5 - Spacious, private 2-story townhome in a small, well-run community. Fireplace, 2-car garage. Huge deck overlooks Pinole Creek.
2970 Estates Avenue Open 2-4

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2+1/2 - New interior and exterior paint. New granite kitchen counters. Central air/heat. Dining room opens to large deck & yard.
3781 Crestview Drive Open Sat+Sun 1-4

POINT RICHMOND \$799,000
FOURPLEX - Incredible investment opportunity! Victorian with two 2/1, one 1/1 and one studio, all vacant & rehabbed.
127 Cottage Avenue Open 2-4

POINT RICHMOND \$559,000
3/1 - Just remodeled with many fine finishes including Italian porcelain tile & refinished hardwood floors. Just blocks to downtown.
435 West Richmond Avenue Open 2-4

RICHMOND MARINA \$495,000
2/2.5 - Experience the resort lifestyle! 2-story townhome with high ceilings, powder room, fireplace, large picture window and more.
326 Commodore Drive Open 2-4

RICHMOND MARINA \$399,000
1/1 - Two-story townhome with views of the park, high ceilings, elegant upgrades, custom lighting and garden with picket fence.
412 Commodore Drive Open 2-4

BRISBANE \$679,000
2/2 - Breathtaking luxury townhome at The Ridge. Spectacular mountain views, marble baths, gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, more.
111 Tanager Court Open 1-4

OAKLAND \$399,000
2/1 - Stylish, semi-detached condo with remodeled kitchen & bath with stone counters & tile floors, bamboo flooring, private patio.

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Sunny 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on a lovely tree-lined street in an up and coming area. Elegant bamboo floor, spacious kitchen, lots of upgrades, freshly painted inside and out, beautifully landscaped, huge back yard and more!
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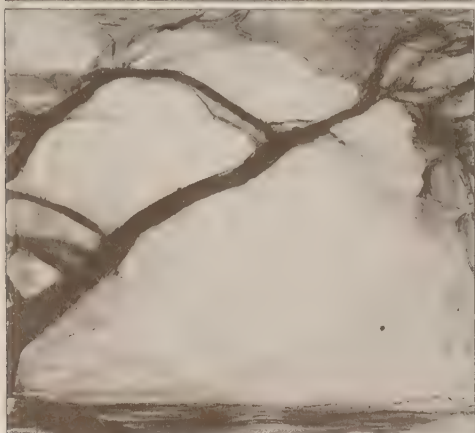
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IN RED OAK'S GALLERY: Jan Norling's "Big Sur Open"

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Red Oak Realty at 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley, is hosting an art show at its office through Nov. 26. Featured artists are Jane Norling and Lori Fink. Regular viewing hours are Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., no admission fee. Call 510-527-3387 for more information.

Jane Norling

"For over three decades I've made artwork that promotes social justice," says Norling. "As graphic designer, poster artist, muralist and studio painter, I've combined the sensibilities of fine art with the tools of design to create imagery that strongly advocates a point of view.

"I work in parallel creative worlds. In design, I use illustration and typography to persuade viewers to take specific action — vote, support, protect, maintain, build — in short, do. In painting, I use abstraction to persuade viewers to do something different—to pause and allow mind to wander. I invite viewers to explore how color and shape, in the absence of obvious message, can suggest, remind, evoke, stir.

"After years of making figurative paintings, I work now with landscape as a point of departure for abstraction. I'm thrilled by the charged potential in the spaces among natural formations and by the rhythmic play of light across vast outdoor surfaces. Landscape is a vibrant source for exploring the sensation of moving from dense to open, from complex to reflective space, from the known to potential."

Lorrie Fink

Fink says of her photos on display, "This is my idea of what happens when lilies throw a party. Employing nature iconography, my current work explores the nuances and exuberance of light, color and shape.

"Captivated by the movement

and light on lotus fields in Japan and kettle ponds of Cape Cod, I've attempted to capture those moments, combinations of peaceful reflection and surprisingly boisterous activity.

"Kayaking on Cape Cod ponds, I've encountered clusters of lilies navigating like schools of fish, slowly swirling and dancing away, moving with the current, changing with the light.

"In Japan, I was struck by the pattern and motion of expansive lotus fields, growing so densely that the ponds were often hidden from sight, an oasis in the intense heat and humidity of summer.

"As I paint these images, the lilies become more animated, revealing emerging personalities, in turns lyrical and whimsical. They offer a glimpse into a world that is humming with activity, sometimes raucous, ebullient, voluptuous, sensuous, lusty."

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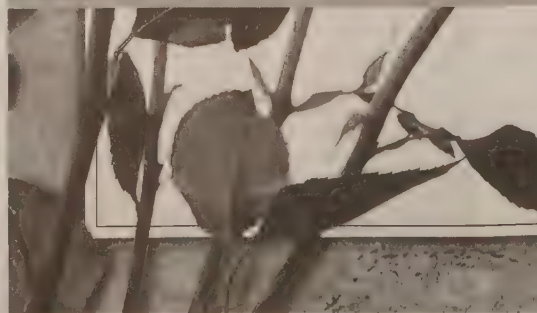
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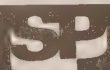
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and there are glass insets on the upper cabinet doors. These cabinets are sturdy and heavy, deep and commodious, and I wouldn't trade them for anything.

Unfortunately, I also have in my kitchen, around my sink and in a corner next to the stove, cabinets that were there when I bought the house. I never changed them, just ran out of money and time. Probably built in the late 1940s, also of the overall construction of these cupboards and drawers is thinner, lighter than the older ones.

Martha had listened to what I'd said about her old cabinets but I could see that she was unconvinced. I started thinking that maybe she'd give me some of them and I could use them at my house.

I'd have to figure out a way to have my countertop taken off, then get back on. Maybe that was possible. I'd also have to deal with my sink and its drain and the dishwasher. I wondered if any of the cabinets at Martha's were right.

At Martha's house on another day, the kitchen space had been completely cleared back to the studs and wooden subfloor. Water pipes were stubbed off at floor level and the chimney where once a stove had been vented was uncovered and bare.

We could see the cabinets out the windows standing in the backyard and I went out to look closer. They'd been removed gently. There were no gouges from a trucking bar, no splintered wood, no pieces missing. And, just as I had guessed, there were a number of stand alone cabinets ranging from about 3 feet to 5 feet in width, each with its own back and sides.

One cabinet could be used by itself, or two or more could be placed side by side. In her new empty kitchen Martha could line them up and configure them in many different positions and patterns. And I could have done the same when my kitchen was being worked on, before the layout had been decided upon and the sink, dishwasher and countertop were installed. But not now. Martha's old cabinets were the wrong sizes for my space.

I was still hoping that Martha would decide to reuse the cabinets. But when I asked she quickly assured me that wasn't going to junk. She is going to use them in her basement or garage for storage.

She'd gone shopping and found new cabinets at a very good price. She'd been able to choose the widths she wanted and door and

drawer layout. Also type of finish, door construction style and hardware. She'd moved on to counter-tops.

What she'd really like is zinc but Martha says that zinc is expensive to form and to install. She doesn't want Formica or Corian. Wood is a

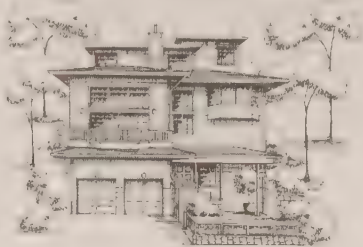
possibility. But although she's not wild about granite, she might use granite. It's not too expensive, and it does hold up well.

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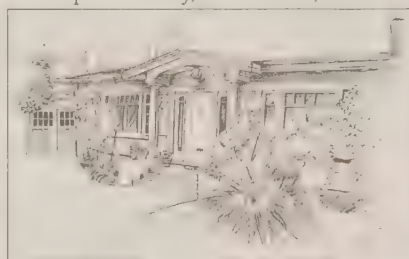
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Mortgage Musings

The top 10 reasons loan applications are rejected

As interest rates rise and increasing housing costs swell lenders' portfolios with riskier loans, lenders will tighten underwriting rules making it tougher to buy a home. Still, whether it's a hot market such as we've had this year, or a cool one, the fundamentals apply. Getting a loan application approved is often a matter of knowing how to keep lenders from saying "no."

To that end, here are the Top 10 reasons loan applications wind up in the circular file.

1. Being in denial about what you can really afford. Apply for too much and you could be out the door faster than you went in. Let the lender decide what you can afford to borrow. From that, you decide what your budget will realistically let you afford to pay each month. Get a bona fide, carved-in-stone pre-approval that guarantees in writing a loan amount, interest rate and as much of the other loan terms as possible.

2. Poor preparation. Get all your docs in a row. The more information you have available at application — proof of income, investments, assets, debts, tax returns for the self-employed — the more complete and timely the loan officer's analysis. Working with a mortgage broker justifies the fee you pay on this point alone.

3. Misunderstandings. You may need loan programs explained. Industry jargon about an index, margin, T-bills and other terminology is familiar to real estate and mortgage professionals, but likely not to you. Your loan officer can help you with any terms you may be unfamiliar with, you can visit several of the many online mortgage sites or pick up one of the numerous real estate mortgage books on the market now.

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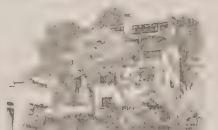
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the talk about home prices being over-inflated, it's easy to understand why buyers would have an interest in making offers on overpriced listings.

Sellers who overprice their homes have two options: They can play the waiting game, or they can reduce their asking price to a level that attracts buyers' interest. It's risky to wait. If the market slows down, you could have to make a much larger price reduction.

Think big when you consider discounting your price. A reduction of less than 5 percent of the purchase price is not likely to have much effect. If you're going to lower your price to ensure a sale, make a meaningful price reduction.

You might reconsider your offer strategy midstream. At the end of the day, sellers in the Oakland hills put

Gough

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requires a clear understanding of your investment objectives. A thorough analysis of your goals, time horizon, investment experience, suitability, and even your ability to accept and recover from losses, you can map out your investment objectives clearly. Once you have those objectives defined, you can craft a plan to manage the way you will surely encounter along the way.

The key is to build and maintain a portfolio that is consistent not only with your investment objectives, but also with the current market outlook. There are a few general steps that all investors can use to help manage portfolio risk.

Previously we discussed risk management as it relates to your portfolio. Following are some ways to keep your bond portfolio on track as well.

Identify your bond investment objectives. Bonds can have several different uses when included in an investment mix. Some people, like retirees, depend on bonds to generate current income, while other investors incorporate them into their portfolio to reduce the risk of losing principal. Still others see them as an investment they expect to benefit from movements in the bond market.

Establish credit suitability. A rating agency's assessment of a bond issuer's ability to make timely interest and principal payments to holders determines the bond's credit rating and provides a measure of the risk you are subject to should you purchase the bonds. Buying a bond is not an absolute guarantee that you will get your money back, and cannot predict what will happen in the future. But bonds with the highest credit ratings typically have lower default rates than those with lower ratings. Credit ratings, however, do not guarantee against price fluctuations.

Evaluate current conditions. An evaluation of your tolerance for interest rate or market risk will help you determine which bonds are best suited to you. Even if you are not concerned about the trading price of bonds, because you plan to hold them to maturity, you still need to be aware of how changing interest rates could affect your holdings. In general, bond prices tend to move in the opposite direction of current interest rates, so the price of outstanding bonds declines as yields rise. Bonds with long maturities are usually more sensitive to interest rate moves, while those with shorter maturities tend to react less sharply to rate changes.

Stay abreast of current conditions helps you gauge the level of risk to which your portfolio is subject. The stock and bond markets can be unpredictable, and could lead to unwelcome risk to your portfolio. However, with careful planning you can take precautions against the risks you may face and position your portfolio to help meet your financial goals.

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their home on the market. They initially planned to have two public open houses before hearing offers. Two people expressed interest in the property several days after the listing showed up on the Multiple Listing Service. The sellers changed

their game plan and decided to hear offers early. They received two offers and accepted one from well-qualified buyers who offered a good price. Sometimes it pays to be flexible.

When the inventory of homes for sale increases, buyers have the luxury

of being more discriminating. They will also tend to be less forgiving on inspection issues. During a hot seller's market, buyers often agree to purchase listings in their "as is" condition regarding such things as wood pest damage. So if you have the time, you might consider making some repairs before putting your home on the market.

THE CLOSING: Don't waste your time testing the market at an unrealistic price. This market is for serious sellers. There are plenty of serious buyers for listings that are priced for sale at current market value.

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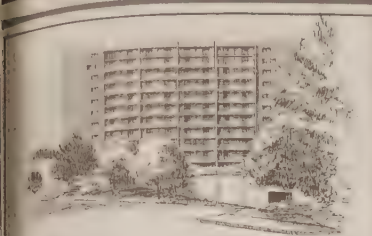


El Cerrito \$735,000
Super duplex across from E.C. Plaza and BART. This well-maintained, much-loved duplex has been in the same family since it was built. Each unit has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, a lovely individual floor plan, and a private garden & yard. Location, location, location!
**325 & 329 Coronado St. Contact Agents
Mary Gray & Mykah Larkins 527-9111**



Richmond View \$449,000
Magical 2+BR bungalow w/hardwood floors, Corian counters, central heat, exquisite bath & enormous yard w/multiple decks, fruit trees & more. Conveniently located above Hwy 80, close to shopping, Alvarado & Wildcat Canyon Regional Parks.
**5520 Solano Ave. Contact Agent
Melissa Eizenberg 5248-1000**

For more information about these properties visit www.marvingardens.com



New Listing

Kelton Court #7L, Oakland - Piedmont Avenue
Offered at \$369,000

New Listing

6254 Cypress Avenue, El Cerrito
Offered at \$469,000Prudential
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Piedmont Avenue Condo - Wonderful Views Open Sunday 2-5

A classy condo off Piedmont Avenue featuring one bedroom, one bathroom, home office space, deck, and a wall of windows opening to incredible hill views. An open floor plan creates an inviting natural flow. Stroll to Piedmont Ave. for coffee, food or catch a movie. An oasis up from the urban hum.

El Cerrito Charmer Open Sunday 2-5

A quiet, cute, cozy and well-kept El Cerrito ranch charmer featuring two plus bedrooms and one bathroom. There is a small yard for a garden and detached studio for your creative side. The El Cerrito Del Norte BART and all your shopping needs are a few blocks away.

Jake McTigue
Direct line:
510-868-1575
jake@jakemctigue.com

For Photos visit
www.jakemctigue.com



★ ★ PRICE REDUCED ★ ★ ★ ★ Open House - Sunday, October 23rd 1-4:30pm ★ ★



3 Bedrooms & 2+ Bathrooms
1780 Pleasant Valley Road
Offered @ \$795,000

Stunning Remodeled Craftsman in the Piedmont Ave. Shopping District

If you would love to live in a classic Craftsman Bungalow that has retained all of its original charm, but want it to be tastefully remodeled and updated, then this home is for you. A perfect mix of old and new coexist here. Original gleaming hardwood floors, architectural detailing, period lighting, and the traditional floor plan are all melded together with the modern conveniences like a "magazine" quality eat-in kitchen, master bed and bath, totally remodeled bathrooms, designer colors and updated systems. The 3 bedrooms and 2+ bathrooms make for a home that will meet all of your needs. The layout is great for entertaining, yet still allows for private places to read and relax. The just finished kitchen is a dream - all new stainless steel appliances, acres of granite counters and tons of cabinetry await the cook and all the helpers. The kitchen has a cozy spot for a casual meal and is just off the backyard patio. You will be able to enjoy real indoor/outdoor living here. A beautiful fireplace, built-in bookshelves and China cabinet, craftsman detailing like stepped ceilings and columns make this home a real 10! There is even a quiet entrance from Pleasant Valley Ct. and room to add off street parking if needed.

You can't ask for a better location. Just steps from your door is the exciting Piedmont Avenue shopping district, with every type of restaurant from a stop for a quick bite to the well renowned. A neighborhood grocery store, food shops, antique stores and more await you on Piedmont Avenue. The rest of the bay area is close by with access to public transportation, freeways, BART and more. You will never be without a close cup of coffee when you call this stunning home your home.

Ron Kriss, Broker
510-547-5970 Ext 55 ronkriss@jps.net

ONLINE TOUR @ www.1780PleasantValley.Com

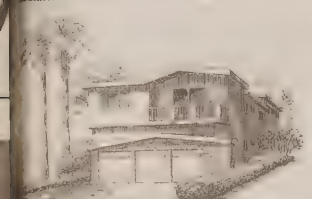


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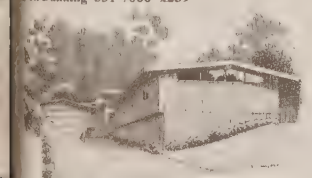
1451 LEIMERT BLVD., OAKLAND
(510) 531-7000
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OPEN SUNDAY 2:00PM - 4:30PM

1121 EAST 17TH STREET \$1,295,000
East Oakland. Five plex "owners" 5BD/3BA, 2-car garage, plus 4 remodeled units, 2BD/1BA each. Italian tile and hardwood flooring, granite countertops, very crisp, cash cow \$87,000/yr.
Catherine Vallee 531-7006 x258



883 CHETWOOD STREET \$995,000
Grand Lake. Just Listed. Four-plex with 3BD owner's unit, two 2BD and one 1BD unit. All will be vacant at close. Walk to Rose Garden, Grand and Lakeshore shops, Lake Merritt.
Don Dunning 531-7000 x239



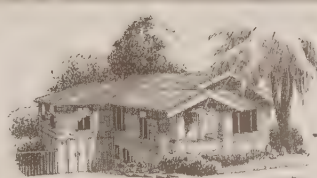
6127 PINEHAVEN \$1,150,000
Montclair. Unique property in Tahoe setting. Four bedrooms, three bath all on one level. Four car garage with full bath and utilities. 1/3 acre.
Antoine Pirson 531-7000 x270



9611 FLORENCE TERRACE \$759,000
Montclair Hills. Bring out the charm in this 1938 gem. Traditional home 3BD/1BA, large living, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, updated electrical, cool 6 years old approximately, large lot, patio, garage with inside access.
Aya Bhimani 531-7000 x289



41 ELYSIAN FIELDS DRIVE \$640,000
Sequoia Highlands. Lovely 3BD/2BA rancher, level lot with nice patio all in a serene setting. Large country kitchen. New lighting and many upgrades throughout including carpet and paint.
Teri L. Lester 531-7000 x289



5147 CAMDEN STREET \$629,000
Maxwell Park. Unique opportunity on approximately 1/4 acre with park-like setting. Spacious 3BD/1.5BA with sunroom, living and dining room with maple hardwood floors. Large master bedroom, huge lower level with separate entrance and three plus bonus rooms-great for home business, artist/music studio, family room and more. Potential to build 2nd unit on this large double lot.
Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



822 KEY ROUTE \$595,000
Albany. Stroll to Solano! Appealing 2BD/2BA with master suite. Separate office/studio. Updated kitchen. Front garden, rear yard.
Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246



3469 COOLIDGE \$558,000
Oakland. New Listing! California bungalow. 1st time open! 3BD/2BA, den, updated kitchen, baths, laundry, hardwood tiled floors. Two-car garage converted to home office. A Must See!
Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

2344 90TH AVENUE \$479,000
Oakland/MacArthur. Lovely three plus bedroom, one bath home-unique three level design on corner lot. Dining room, laundry room, fireplace in living room. Fenced backyard with lots of fruit trees. Spacious one car garage with many amenities.
Rita Robinson 531-7000 x241

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500 VERNON STREET #115 \$325,000
Rose Garden. 1BD/1BA second floor unit, many upgrades with granite kitchen, upgraded bath, new sinks and fixtures, many closets and bedroom windows with custom shutters, beautiful unit.
Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238

EIGHT UNITS CHINATOWN \$1,575,000
Oakland. Strong mix of floor plans: 3BR/2BRs, 1BRs. Tenants pay all utilities. Large upside in cash flow. Owner will carry.
Catherine Vallee 531-7006 x258



GREAT VALUE IN UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,299,000
Rockridge-Upper. Over 3560 sq.ft. of quality construction built in 1998. Huge master suite includes adjoining offices/sitting room and closet space to spare. Lovely hill views. Open floor plan with cook's kitchen, breakfast nook and family room. Explore its many fine features on the virtual tour at www.ewalk.com Keyword: Cochrane.
Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242



INVESTOR OR OWNER-OCCUPIER \$938,000
Glenview. Five units. 73K gross annual income. One 2BD, four 1BD, including strikingly remodeled owner's unit. Five parking spaces. Low pest. Yard.
Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246

STUNNING CONTEMPORARY/COTTAGE MIX \$895,000
Montclair. Central location on 12,600 sq.ft. lot. Updated kitchen, baths, 3BD plus large rec. room with kitchenette and bath. In-law/office potential. Hardwood floors, fresh paint, two-car garage.
Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

DOWNTOWN FOUR PLEX \$839,000
Downtown. Victorian 3BR/2BR and two 1BR floor plans. Convenient location, one block to city center. Immediate upside in the rents.
Catherine Vallee 531-7006 x258

DOWNTOWN OAKLAND 4 PLEX \$825,000
Downtown. Mix use Victorian. Good use for law, medical, business offices or residential mix use. Updated electrical. Can deliver vacant.
Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

SPECIAL HOME - TREETOP VIEWS \$689,000
Oakmore. Bright and sunny 2+BD/1BA, original vintage kitchen, formal dining room, hardwood floors, fireplace, bonus room. Private terraced backyard, new landscaping, new paint in and out.
Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232

LOVELY 3BD/2BD WITH VIEWS \$645,000
San Leandro. Spacious living room with fireplace, light filled dining area opens onto deck, beautiful kitchen with granite counters, maple cabinets and other upgrades. Large master suite. Many upgrades.
Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292

SPACIOUS MID-CENTURY HOME \$519,000
Maxwell Park. On quiet cul-de-sac! 3BD/1.5BA with master suite, living room with fireplace and view, hardwood floors, large "retro" eat-in kitchen, 2-car garage, great patio and terraced gardens
Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

CONTRACTORS SPECIAL! \$499,000
Glenview. Perfect opportunity to bring your own style into your new home. Featuring 3BD/1.5BA, a formal dining room, living room with fireplace and a family room. TLC will make this home beautiful.
Teri L. Lester 531-7000 x262

LAND FOR SALE

9.11 ACRES IN CORNING CA \$4,650,000
Commercial and residential zoned. Off I-5 has five homes currently. Super development potential.
Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

36,700 SQFT/OAKLAND \$1,800,000
All level. Zoned M30. Near High Street and 880 freeway. Reports available.
Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

ALTURA \$465,000
Private gated estate. Bay view and utilities. Has two cabins.
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GRADED UPSLOPE LOT \$395,000
Hillier Highlands area, South view, Utilities, driveway.
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FAIRFAX \$198,000
Commercial upslope. 11750 sq.ft. top locale. Views.
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MILL VALLEY \$195,000
Three lots. Downslope, utilities, drawings, repots.
Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

MONTCLAIR UPSLOPE \$179,000
Utilities present in street. Excellent value.
Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x23

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House hunting this weekend? Turn to Hills Newspapers Real Estate & Home section first.

RECENTLY SOLD

Crocker Highlands
719 Longridge Road

Picturesque 3+ bedroom, 2+ bath Mediterranean with light-filled remodeled kitchen that opens to a private, sunny yard. Sold for more than the asking price.

Offered at \$1,050,000

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**3976 Fruitvale - Upper Diamond**

Upper Fruitvale contemporary with bungalow ambiance, smartly updated to enhance flow and functionality. Main living level includes 3 bedrooms, a revitalized full bath, an updated and reconfigured eat-in kitchen. Lower level, accessible from within or via separate entry, provides plus rooms, laundry and a 2nd updated bath. Wood floors, new lighting fixtures and fresh paint inside and out complete the picture. All this and a fenced yard with patio and garden areas.

Offered at \$649,000



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NEW PRICE!

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2-4:30**5601 Denton Place, Oakland**

Hillcrest Estates. 2+ acres w/privacy & 3 bridge views. Gated all fenced w/ spa & solar heat. Rehabed 8 years ago. 4 Bed & 3.5 Ba.

New Price! \$2,095,000

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The Beaubelle Group presents...**10 Idlewood Court • Moraga****Desirable Court Location**

With great curb appeal, this charming ranch style home has lots of traditional flair. Enjoy wide brick walkways and accent walls, white exterior paint with black shutters and doors, lush lawns and colorful gardens. Its quiet court location is perfect for kids and the easy walk or ride to schools, shopping, park, trails and transportation makes it ideal for the entire family.

The residence features 4 large bedrooms, 3 full baths, over 2,300 square feet of living space and a landscaped .27 acre lot, per county assessor. The garage features an enclosed workshop area!

Offered at \$1,050,000

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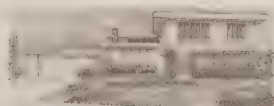
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BY APPOINTMENT

OAKLAND \$3,800,000
2 BR 2.5 BA Equestrian facility w/4 living qtrs, 60 stalls for horses. 2 arenas w/1 covered. Main house is a masterpiece w/2 kits. All redone.
Judy Ackerman 510.339.4700



EL CERRITO \$1,500,000
5 BR 5 BA Unique home: 5000 sq ft, 10,000+ lot. Pool. Views: SE GG & golf course. Grand scale.
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EL CERRITO \$599,000
3 BR 2 BA Walk to BART. Warm, spacious, approx. 1,637 sq. feet. Family room, patio, near shopping.
Barbara Levy 510.486.1495

EL CERRITO \$565,000
3 BR 1 BA New granite counters & Large private yard. Detached garage/workshop.
Kimiko Terry & Sebastian Ages 510.486.1495

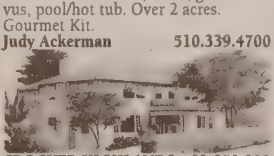
OAKLAND \$499,000
4 BR 2 BA Spacious lower Temescal gem with lots of original vintage charm, good bones, and large back yard. Bring your renovation vision! Coming soon.
Catherine Varnau 510.486.1495

OAKLAND \$495,000
3 BR 1 BA Maxwell Park. Sunny home with charm plus upgrades. Visit www.4007Natasha.com.
Holly Rose 510.486.1495

OPEN HOUSES

LAFAYETTE \$2,975,000
4007 Natasha Dr.
Sun 2 - 4:30
5 BR 5.5 BA Modern Craftsman. Design by J Wright. Pool, over .5 acre lot. www.4007Natasha.com.
Barbara Marienthal & David DeZenega 510.486.1495

HILLCREST ESTATES \$2,095,000
5601 Denton Place
Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3.5 BA Redone, lvl in, gated w/ vus, pool/hot tub. Over 2 acres. Gourmet Kit.
Judy Ackerman 510.339.4700



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,850,000
1175 Clarendon Crescent Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 3.5 BA Stately traditional surrounded by gardens, property partially in Piedmont, good potential.
Dian Hymer & Joan Duffield 510.339.4700

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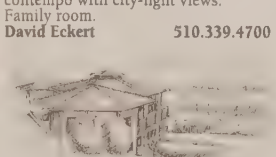
MONTCLAIR \$1,600,000
2100 Arrowhead Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3.5 BA New construction. Grmt kit w/SS appliances & Alder cabinets, frml LR/DR, fam rm, master ste.
Ellen Lancaster 510.339.4700

PIEDMONT \$1,520,000
34 LaSalle Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Lvl Contemp hme w/sunny spacious rms, frml liv/din rms, hwd flrs, att 2 car gar.
Norm Robinow 510.339.4700



OAKLAND \$1,495,000
11439 Lochard Sun 1:30 - 4:30
6 BR 3.5 BA Breathtaking SF vu setting. Elegant Chabot Hglds trdtnl. Grt lawns, 3c gar, islnd kitch.
Diana Kay 510.486.1495

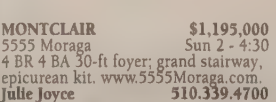
MONTCLAIR \$1,425,000
6267 Ruthland Rd Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 3.5 BA Revel in style in this contemporary with city-light views. Family room.
David Eckert 510.339.4700



KENSINGTON \$1,400,000
145 Lawson Rd. Sun 2 - 4:30
4+BR 4 BA VIEWS! Grt floor plan. Approx 3900 sq ft Single Fam. w/au-pair or duplex. www.145Lawson.com
Barbara Allendorf/ Tania Balazs-Gvishi 510.486.1495

MONTCLAIR \$1,399,000
6171 Ruthland Rd Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 4 BA Indoor/outdoor living from fam rm & kit serene setting on large parcel.
Joan Duffield 510.339.4700

MONTCLAIR \$1,195,000
5555 Moraga Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 4 BA 30-ft foyer; grand stairway, epicurean kit. www.5555Moraga.com.
Julie Joyce 510.339.4700



HILLER HIGHLANDS \$725,000
404 Hiller Dr. Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2.5 BA Hiller end unit, w/ flrs balcony, patio, 2 fps, mstr & ba w/ skylt. Ofc or 3rd brdm, + Club.
Monica Zuck 510.339.4700

OPEN HOUSES

OAKLAND HILLS \$1,180,000
125 Crestmont Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3.5 BA New construction w/ HUGE views. Gourmet kit w/custom cabinetry, granite & SS. Lavish MBS.
Karen Lum 510.339.4700

BERKELEY HILLS \$1,175,000
781 Spruce Sun 2 - 5
4 BR 3 BA Totally remod mid century home. Bay view. Hwd, lrg fam rm, 2 car gar, huge deck. Lrg lot.
Diane Southworth 510.486.1495

MORAGA \$1,095,000
63 Corte del Caballo Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 2 BA A sunny & spacious lvl home @ end of cul-de-sac. FR, wet bar 2-car garage, fruit trees.
Nader Davari 510.339.4700

HERCULES \$910,000
1099 S. Shelter Bay Sun 2 - 4:30
5 BR 3 BA Kit/fam rm combo, laundry, fplcs, & ldsctd yds, bay vus.
Kelley Nido 510.339.4700

ALBANY \$850,000
555 Pierce St #1339 Sun 2 - 4
2+BR 2.5 BA 2 story Penthouse. Open lvr, din area and kit, hw flrs; SF Views. www.555Pierce1339.com.
Parviz Bagherzadeh 510.486.1495

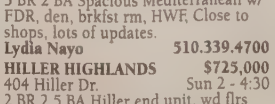
ROCKRIDGE \$850,000
6687 Chabot Road Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 1.5 BA Hwd flrs, frml din rm, home office, updated ba & lrg park like yrd.
Terry Kulka/Barbara Hardacre 510.339.4700

HILLER HIGHLANDS \$799,000
61 Schooner Hill Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2.5 BA Big price reduction - BIG VIEW! Fabulous GG, Bay bridge & bay views from sharp townhouse.
Terry Kulka 510.339.4700

OAKLAND \$799,000
4053 Mountain View Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA New construction. Gourmet kit w/granite tops, SS appl. MBS w/his & her sinks & marble tile.
David Eckert 510.339.4700

ESTUDIOLO ESTATES \$759,000
1079 Lee Ave Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Spacious Mediterranean w/ FDR, den, brkfst rm, HWF. Close to shops, lots of updates.
Lydia Nayo 510.339.4700

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Monica Zuck 510.339.4700



BERKELEY \$499,000
2763 Dohr St Sun 1 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Cute Berkeley Bungalow! Light, bright w/many upgrades. HBWD, FDR, updated KIT and Systems.
Gene Della Maggiora 510.486.1495

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OPEN HOUSES

LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$729,000
168 Maiden Lane Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Spacious flr pln, 3/2 incl mstr ste on 1 lvl, kit/fam rm lvl-out to patio/grdn. Vu!
Rachel Baller 510.339.4700

WALNUT CREEK \$659,000
1682 2nd Ave Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Remodeled hme w/lvl bck/ frnt yds. Granite & ss kitchen, beautiful tile work in bathrooms.
David Eckert 510.339.4700

UPPER DIMOND \$649,900
3976 Fruitvale Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Contemporary w/bungalow ambiance, updated baths, reconfigured EIK, wood floors, rear yard.
Lydia Nayo & Kelley Nayo-Cllett 510.339.4700

OAKLAND \$649,000
6700 Outlook Ave. Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 2 BA Updated hillside retreat with inspirational bay views on an amazing landscaped large lot.
Jeffrey Neidleman 510.339.4700

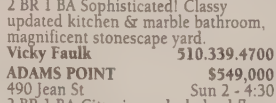
BERKELEY \$599,000
1390 Gilman Sat/Sun 2 - 5
2 BR 1 BA Berkeley Jewel! Spanish Med/arched windows & drs. Upgrades. Close to Solano Ave, MM, BART.
Karyn Selby-Miller & Zanna Knight 510.339.4700

BERKELEY \$599,000
1415 Carleton Sun 1 - 4:30
3 BR 1 BA Charming, remodeled and in move in condition. Close to transportation & Berkeley Bowl.
Azaria Berhane 510.486.1495

LOWER MAXWELL \$599,000
4908 Fairlax Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 1 BA 2-story craftsman w/frml DR, FP in LR, granite ctpts in kit, front & back yrd. City views.
Gary & Noni Robinson 510.339.4700

LAUREL \$579,000
2507 Carmel Street Sun 2 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Sophisticated! Classy updated kitchen & marble bathroom, magnificent stonemasonry yard.
Vicky Faulk 510.339.4700

ADAMS POINT \$549,000
490 Jean St Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA City views, deck, hwd flrs, remod kit & ba, frml DR, and a beautiful fireplace.
Gary & Noni Robinson 510.339.4700



BERKELEY \$510,000
1250 Rose St Sun 1 - 4
1 BR 1 BA Cheerful Art-deco style, soaring l ceiling w/ fplcs, lvr for nature lovers!
Rita Zwerdling 510.486.1495

BERKELEY \$510,000
1721 Berkeley Way, Unit #3 Sun 1 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Big price reduction! Great value. Sunny, condo in a great area.
Kathy Longinotti 510.486.1495

PRINCETON \$510,000
1721 Berkeley Way, Unit #3 Sun 1 - 4
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FRUITVALE \$510,000
1714 33rd Ave Sun 1 - 4
4 BR 2 BA Fam Duplex 2/1 ea Beauty. Built-ins, Hwd, FP, Wainscoting. EZ xtnded Fam rm, Leg.
Rachel Baller 510.339.4700

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9891 Thermal St. Sun 1 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Charming updated bungalow home in good location large lot with nice features and Leslie Wei 510.339.4700



RICHMOND \$510,000
721 Wilson Sun 1 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Lg, brite eat-in kit, w/frplc, sun porch, pantry, 2-car Needs TLC 2 shine.
Zanna Knight 510.486.1495

HERCULES \$510,000
230 Napoli Sun 1 - 4
2 BR 2 BA Quiet top floor. Wood hillside views. Features recessed lighting/balconies, new carpets.
Preston Grant 510.339.4700

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cul-de-sac home worth more?



TOM HAMILTON
Real Estate

Is there research on the value of homes located on cul-de-sacs versus those located on through roads? In other words, do identical houses located on cul-de-sacs with one being on a through road, will the house on a cul-de-sac likely yield a higher selling price?

The research on this topic is limited, but the majority of findings indicate that there are, all else equal, negative externalities (bad influences) for properties located on the cul-de-sac than on the through road. Some of the reasons are that there is typically less traffic and noise on the cul-de-sac, which offers more seclusion.

These things offer cul-de-sacs a higher degree of privacy. Furthermore, the lot sizes on cul-de-sacs have not increased, even though they are irregularly shaped. Some have also argued that the irregular shapes allow property owners flexibility in landscaping, yielding unique types of yards, which typically increases value.

And, appraisers will value homes with the market information available to them, including

cul-de-sac locations, to establish the market value estimate for a particular property. As such, the local marketplace will ultimately determine what value difference exists for cul-de-sac properties relative to the through-roads in a particular neighborhood.

Q. My siblings and I are considering selling some property we own. We were offered \$450,000. This money would be divided among four individuals. Each of us would have to pay capital gains tax on \$112,500. How much would the taxes on this amount be?

A. The capital gains taxes owed on the sale of this jointly owned property is not based solely on the sale price (divided four ways). The capital gains taxes that you and your siblings will need to pay will be based on the difference between the net sales price of the property (let's use your \$450,000) and the initial net purchase price of the property (also known as the adjusted basis of the property, or the original book value of the property).

If you each contributed \$25,000 to the purchase of the property, then the original cost basis is \$100,000 (\$25,000 for each sibling). If you sell it for \$450,000, then each sibling's gain will be \$112,500 less each sibling's original cost basis of

\$25,000, or \$87,500.

It is on this amount that each sibling will have to determine their capital gains taxes. If the maximum capital gains tax rate is 15 percent for this type of long-term investment, then each sibling will have to pay 15 percent of the \$87,500 in capital gains, or \$13,125 in capital gains taxes.

Tom Hamilton, Ph.D., is associate professor at the Shenandoah Center for Real Estate Education at the University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis. E-mail questions to: thamilton@stthomas.edu. Please

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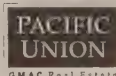


5748 Florence Terrace, Oakland
Offered at \$849,000

One-of-a-kind Cape Cod cottage on an oversized lot, approximately 1/3 mile from Montclair Village. Absolutely enchanting 3BR/2BA home with classic style and appeal. Hardwood floors, fireplace and built-in speakers. French doors from the dining room lead to a large secluded deck and spacious terraced yard. Outdoor brick barbecue adds to the loveliness of this natural setting. Rare opportunity!



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not accounting for your self-employment. First-time buyers who are employed, which can improve their credit score, being paid commission only, or owning 25% or more of a business, offered to show tax returns as a way to increase their credit score. Communicate your credit status before the loan underwriting process and delays later.

overlooking property repair costs. Government loans on the need of repair need to get instructions explaining responsible for repairs and ask your loan officer for assistance.

third party vendor problem. Credit reports and appraisals may come through on time but documents — tax returns, inspections, investment reports — may require extra early effort to get them to the table on time.

Lack of understanding of the loan process. A workable knowledge of what happens in the processing, underwriting and closing of a loan is crucial. Many mortgage Web sites, many even offer resources that in-depth information about the loan process and the various steps and turns it takes along the way.

in the mortgage industry usually hope and pursue the loan as fast, smooth and easy paperwork, however reality suggests it will always be a paper intense process.

Undocumented explanations of credit problems. Check your credit report before you apply for a mortgage. You need to know before you apply about errors you can correct, problems you may need to explain, and delinquencies you can explain. Credit errors happen in many cases as 50 percent of all inquiries. Report errors to the report bureau so they can be cleared before sending off the application.

Unverified closing funds. If you require funds from you or someone else such as down payment, cash to keep the loan from closing 80 percent of the value, you may have to show bank statements and documents that prove how the funds have been in place, and other details. Read the closing documents and statements carefully.

Poor communications. Many parties involved in a real estate transaction — buyer, seller, real estate agent, mortgage banker, home inspector, attorney and escrow agent — and each must have a good understanding of what is going on at any given time. A good broker, broker or real estate agent will help keep the lines of communication open. Experienced professionals usually cite a lack of communication as the number one reason deals fall apart.

Only make certain you get a good estimate of your closing costs to ensure that you understand everything that will be paid at closing. This document will also serve as a reference when closing to make sure everything is as agreed.

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Return to elegance in this 1925 home. Formal entry, living & dining rooms. Family room & separate office. New eat-in kitchen, 2.5 updated baths, 4 bedrooms. Wonderful architectural details throughout built-ins, French doors, 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors. Enchanting secluded garden with large deck for entertaining and mature oak trees. This prime Rockridge location is only 2 blocks above College Avenue and close to BART.



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Upper Rockridge

5935 Manchester Avenue

Offered at \$2,800,000

Francis Heath

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OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2-4:30PM

Unique and secluded Mediterranean style home offering the best of 1935 architecture. This fine home features distinct archways, ceilings, tile work, sconces and hardwood floors. Located in close proximity to a popular community park. Beautiful wooded setting graces this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home that has retained its original splendor. A wonderful opportunity. Don't miss!



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PIEDMONT AVENUE AREA

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Coveted location on a peaceful court is just blocks to Piedmont Avenue and Rockridge. This charming Craftsman has hardwood floors, a lovely fireplace in the large living area and French doors from the kitchen to the deck. Two-plus bedrooms, bonus room, one bath, large detached garage. See photos at www.pacunion.com



4433 Pleasant Valley Court, Oakland
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3630 Victor Avenue, Oakland ~ Offered at \$789,000

Circa 1930's Tudor with a spectacular living room and formal dining room. Sconces, distinct fireplace and arched bookcases grace the spacious living room. Four bedrooms, formal dining room, large eat-in kitchen on the main level of the home. Downstairs extra plus rooms, a bath and 2 car tandem garage. The rear yard is a gardeners



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NEW LISTING - OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2-4:30PM



3263 Madeline Street, Oakland

This darling 3BR/2BA bungalow has a sun-filled family room with French doors to a super deck and fab yard! You'll find hardwood floors, burning fireplace, vintage-style kitchen with granite countertops, designer bathroom remodel. It's close to Laurel shops and cafes.

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2234 Stuart Street, Berkeley ~ Offered at \$785,000

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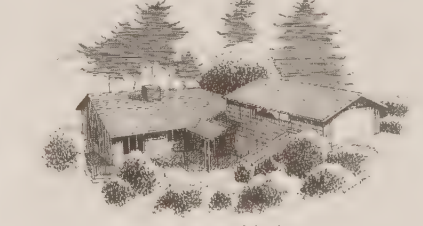


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105 MacKinnon Place, Piedmont Offered at \$1,350,000

Charming English Tudor. 4+ bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Updated kitchen. Fabulous and spacious secluded back garden off the family room. Located at the end of a cul-de-sac.

NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2-4:30PM



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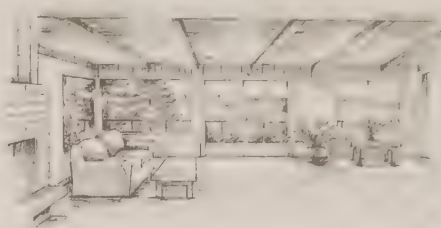
6616 Saroni Drive, Oakland Offered at \$825,000

Delightful Montclair 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. Large rumpus room, 2 fireplaces, eat-in kitchen, room for expansion. Gleaming hardwood floors, newly done roof, front and back yard.



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2808 Hilgard Avenue, Berkeley Offered at \$1,195,000

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391 51st Street, Oakland Offered at \$699,000

This classic craftsman has been remodeled and updated while still retaining all of its original charm. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths includes spacious master suite. Huge customized gourmet kitchen. Close to the best of both College Avenue and Temescal shops and restaurants. Photos at pacunion.com

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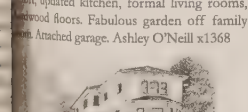
PIEDMONT \$3,295,000
407 HILLSIDE CT.
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Wonderful Traditional rebuilt after the "fire storm" 4+BR/4+BA, rec room, library, possible au-pair, SF/bay views. Fabulous gardens designed by Hatland Hand. Francis Heath x1357

MONTCLAIR \$1,645,000
707 CAMINO LENADA
Fabulous new home on a very secluded cul-de-sac. Only two blocks from schools. Four-plus bedrooms, three baths. David Suikawa x1331

PIEDMONT \$1,350,000
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New Listing! Charming English Tudor. 4+BR/3BA, updated kitchen, formal living rooms, hardwood floors. Fabulous garden off family room. Attached garage. Ashley O'Neill x1368



ROCKRIDGE \$1,275,000
442 HARWOOD AVE.
New Listing! Elegant 4BR/2.5BA home. Formal dining room, new kitchen, remodeled baths. Family room, office. Near BART & College Avenue. Fabulous garden. Bob & Carolyn Nelson x1345

ROCKRIDGE \$1,249,000
493 SUNNYHILLS RD.
New Listing! Fabulous contemporary extensively updated in 2003. Sparkling hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen w/granite & stainless appliances, deck and family room. Joanna Hirsch x1366

ROCKRIDGE \$1,195,000
180 BUENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-5)
3BR, 3BA. Fabulous Bay views, sophisticated design by architect George Dedekian. Large lot, flat yard, privacy. Kitchen/family room with fireplace. James Duffy x1326

ROCKRIDGE \$1,150,000
462 CONLON AVE. (Open 2-5)
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HILLER HIGHLANDS \$838,000
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Stunning 3BR/2.5BA townhome. Freshly painted and carpeted throughout. Kitchen with granite and newer appliances. Conveniently located. Jackie Care x1378

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6462 CONLON AVE.
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4433 PLEASANT VALLEY CT.
Charming 1919 craftsman in desirable location near Piedmont Avenue & Rockridge. 2+BR/1BA, hardwood floors, lovely fireplace, French doors, deck. Nancy Moore x1302

MONTCLAIR \$825,000
6616 SARONI DR.
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$789,500
3630 VICTOR AVE.
New Listing! Circa 1930s Tudor w/spectacular living room & formal dining room. 4BR/2BA, large eat-in kitchen, two extra plus rooms, 2-car tandem garage. Rear yard. Diane E. McCan x1352

ROCKRIDGE \$785,000
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Close to BART and Rockridge pleasures, this extraordinary 2+BR restoration offers delicious 1911 details in a resort-like garden setting. Dana Dworin x1384

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3263 MADELINE ST.
New Listing! Darling 3+BR/2BA bungalow! Family room w/French doors to deck, fabulous yard! Vintage kitchen w/granite counters, designer bathroom. Near shops. Lori Lombardo x1377

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Very unique & secluded Mediterranean style home w/beautiful 1935 architecture. 3BR/1.5BA, distinct archways, tile work, sconces & hardwood floors. Cindy Houts x1364

SAN LEANDRO \$669,000
1109 DUTTON AVE. (Open 1-4)
New Listing! Estudillo Estates. Updated 3BR/1.5BA mid-century w/a contemporary flair. Living room w/fireplace, formal dining, updated kitchen & baths, garden w/spa. Candy Benny x1328

BERKELEY \$650,000
740 ENSENADA AVE. (Open 2-4)
Darling 2BR/1BA bungalow! Hardwood floors, fireplace, vintage-style kitchen, breakfast nook, view of hills from deck, garden. Near Solano shops & eateries. Lori Amzi x1330

MONTCLAIR \$649,000
7425 SKYLINE BLVD.
Charming 2BR/1BA, two-story. Remodeled cook's kitchen. Master suite w/French doors opening onto sunny deck. Great open plan design, verdant views. Leslie Avant x1341

ROCKRIDGE \$629,000
6323 WESTOVER DR.
Tranquil Montclair setting close to the Village, parks, and freeway. 2BR, storage area, extensively remodeled kitchen and bath. It's a beauty! Robyn Mohr x1310

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Sunny & spacious 2-story Victorian in West Oakland. Excellent value for spacious urban living! 3BR/2.5BA. Updated baths & kitchen. Large yard. Christian Downer x1340

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7606 VALENTINE ST.
New Listing! Gardener's delight! Charming Traditional built in 1938. 2BR/1BA w/additional sun room, refinished hardwood floors, newer kitchen, deck & large yard w/pond. Kathy Flynn x1317

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Classic bungalow! Bay windows, hardwood floors, built-in china cabinet, fireplace, breakfast nook, patio, big garage! Close to BART, Tot lot. 2BR. 1BA. Super! Joan Dark x1316

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Beautiful and sunny 2BR/1BA condo with views across the canyon to the hills and bay. Two-car parking, security, pool and fitness center. Jack McPhail x1336

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Freshly renovated 2BR/2BA condo. Lots of upgrades. Fireplace in living room. Deck opens to master bedroom & living/dining area. End unit w/easy access to garage. Martha Holstlaw x1312

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\$2,975,000 4007 Natasha Dr.
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\$1,095,000 63 Corte del Caballo
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Open Sun 1-4 Adams Pl.
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Open Sun 2-5
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\$359,000 2323 Magnolia St. #3
Open Sun 2-4
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\$380,000 1594 Tucker St
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\$415,000 1531 64th Ave
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Prudential CA Realty

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\$425,000 2315 64th Ave
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\$435,000 9891 Thermal St.
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\$449,000 69946th St.
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220 Caldecott #117	2BD/2BA 510-338-1336 Jack McPhail	\$679,000	3401 Guldo Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	3BD/1BA 510-338-1364 Cindy Houts	\$2,175,000	95 Westminster Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	4+BD/3+BA 510-339-0400 Anne Feste
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490 Jean St	2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Gary & Noni Robinson	\$719,000	6218 Crown Ave Open 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	2BD/2BA 650-515-9950 Anjanette Bixel	\$1,100,000	260 Park View Terrace Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	4plex 510-338-1307 Jeffrey Himmel
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1578 E. 38th St	2+bd/1ba 510-845-0211 Adrienne Nash	\$749,000	4319 Gregory St. Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	3BD/2BA 510-338-1352 Diane E. McCan	\$1,295,000	2121 East 17th Street Open Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors	Five Plex 510-531-7000 x258 Catherine Vallee
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\$553,000	15203 Farnsworth St. Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates	3+BD/2BA 510-428-3118 Kathie & Patrick Ng	
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\$669,000	1109 Dutton Open Sun 1-4 Pacific Union Residential	3BD/1.5BA 510-338-1328 Candy Bennyli	
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\$679,000	111 Tanager Ct Open Sun 1-4 (Brisbane) Red Oak Realty	2bd/2ba 510-407-1619 Hila Blick	
San Francisco County		Property Out of Area	
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 Great 2 bedroom, 1 bath family home located in the wonderful West End. Featuring a sunny living room, spacious dining room, eat-in kitchen (bar with plenty of storage), kitchen with lots of beautiful cabinets, new roof, newly painted interior and newly refinished hardwood floors. Property comes with washer & dryer in laundry room. Sunny backyard with secluded patio. Close to shopping, transportation, parks, The Farmers Market and the ferry.
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1626-28 ALAMEDA AVENUE \$1,195,000
Central Alameda Open Sunday 2-4:30
 Impressive Turn of the Century Colonial Revival. This stately Gold Coast neighborhood home is a spacious 4,416 sq ft owner occupied duplex with income or single family home with room for the entire family. Resplendent with pocket doors, wainscoting, hardwood floors, coved ceilings and built-in cabinets. Lots of space and large rooms give you the feeling of comfort. Serene brick-in courtyard garden. Bonus rooms, finished attic, additional unit and half basement.
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536 PACIFIC AVENUE \$889,000
West End By Appointment Only
 This large Queen Anne Victorian Duplex has a 3 bedroom, 2 bath on 1st floor, 2 studios & one 1+ upper. All have separate gas & electric meters. Featuring newer roof, new exterior paint, water heater, fence and concrete driveway with detached 2 car garage. Conveniently located adjacent to Longfellow elementary and is historical list.
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Moon Tam 510-747-1620



2511 EAGLE AVENUE \$599,000
Central Alameda By Appointment Only
 This home located at the East End of Alameda has been updated from top to bottom. Roof, foundation, carpets, plumbing, electrical, double pane windows, water heater are all new. 2+ bedroom and 2 bath home in a quiet cul-de-sac. Freshly painted interior and exterior. There is a private outdoor area for children to play, BBQ or enjoying your morning coffee.
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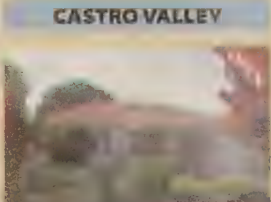


1523 ENCINAL AVENUE \$949,000
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 This "Gold Coast Fringe" Triplex is a single family home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and a 2X 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex in the rear on a 6300 sq. ft. lot. Located across the street from Franklin School and park. Great investment/ income opportunity!
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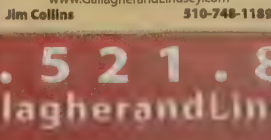
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Around the horn

Pro-Am golf

The 16th annual Jack Clark Pro-Am takes place at the Chuck Corica Golf Complex on Monday. Tee time is 10 a.m., and this year's tournament boasts a full field. Call the Chuck Corica Golf Complex at 510-747-7824.

— Mike McGreehan

Softball clinics

The Oakland Girls Softball League will conduct a skills clinic for players 11-14 on Sunday at Owen Jones Field from noon-2 p.m. The clinic is free and open to returning and new players and is conducted by a staff that includes college level players. For more information, visit www.ogsl.org or call 510-339-7268.

— Mike McGreehan

Wheelchair rugby

Wheelchair rugby, a sport invented by quadriplegics for quadriplegics, takes place from 6-9 p.m. on Monday night at the Poplar Recreation Center (3131 Union Street, Oakland). The sport is played on a regulation basketball court, and the object is to carry a volleyball across the opponent's goal line. Call Jonathan Newman at 510-649-4663, ext. 304. Or e-mail him at jonathan@borp.org.

— Mike McGreehan

Assorted sports

The Stadium Sports Club in Alameda is offering an intense indoor flag football league as well as training programs for football, basketball, soccer and baseball/softball. Call Michael Greer at 510-482-1242 or e-mail him at mgreer@hotmail.com.

— Mike McGreehan

All-BSAL girls golf

The top 10 finishers at Monday's Bay Shore Athletic League golf championships at Fairfield's Paradise Valley Golf Course were awarded all-league status. The first team is Joy Kim (Albany), Lauren Glass (Piedmont), Kim Conocono (Encinal), Margo Winton (St. Mary's) and Christine Walker (St. Patrick-St. Vincent). The second team is Laurel Sarfan (Piedmont), Kari Barnes (St. Joseph Notre Dame), Kelsey Tom (Piedmont), Nana Ohikaima (Albany) and Vivian Kwok (Piedmont). Though Encinal is not in the BSAL, league commissioner Phil Tomasini ruled that Conocono should be on the team because she competed in the league tournament. The Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League did not have enough teams to form an official league this season. Piedmont, Kim, Conocono and Winton qualified for the North Coast Section championships at Arcata's Baywood Country Club on Oct. 31.

— Dave Carpenter

Some parity in league

At first glance, the BSAL girls volleyball standings at press time look like there is a definite pecking order, with Albany and St. Mary's tied for first with 8-1 records, St. Joseph Notre Dame and Salesian tied for third (6-3) and Piedmont in fourth (5-4). But a closer look at this month's results show that the BSAL playoffs in November could very well be must-see volleyball. Albany took sole possession of first place with a victory over St. Mary's on Oct. 4 but fell back into a first-place tie with the Panthers when Piedmont defeated the Cougars on Oct. 11. Three days later, Salesian beat Piedmont. Then on Tuesday, Holy Names defeated Piedmont. The old saying "On any given day" could apply in this league.

— Phil Jensen

On Deck

Boys and girls water polo, ACCAL tournament, Thursday-Saturday — Alameda, Encinal, Berkeley, Piedmont and Bishop O'Dowd will all square off in the tournament at Contra Costa College. The top team in each division will receive a bye during Thursday's opening round. At stake is a berth to the North Coast Section playoffs, which Bishop O'Dowd earned — both boys and girls — last season.

Girls tennis, St. Mary's at Piedmont, Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. — It's the Highlanders' regular-season home finale. Piedmont beat St. Mary's 7-0 on Sept. 15. In the No. 1 singles match, Mary Ann Kao beat Christy Richardson 6-1, 6-1.

Girls volleyball, St. Mary's vs. St. Joseph Notre Dame at Alameda High, Tuesday at 5 p.m. — The Pilots will seek to avenge a 25-13, 25-22, 25-15 loss to the Panthers on Sept. 20. As of Wednesday, St. Joseph (6-3 Bay Shore Athletic League) trailed St. Mary's (8-1) and Albany (8-1) by two matches.

Girls volleyball, El Cerrito at Berkeley, Thursday at 5 p.m. — Both teams will most likely receive a win to keep their Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League title hopes alive.

Stars of the week

Iain Townsend, El Cerrito football — The right end caught two touchdown passes of 32 and 29 yards in the Gauchos' 34-21 win over Hercules.

Joy Kim, Albany girls golf — Kim, a freshman, won the Bay Shore Athletic League individual title Monday with a score of 5-over-77 at Paradise Valley Golf Course in Fairfield.

Charlotte Carver, Berkeley girls volleyball — Carver had a double-double with 11 kills and 12 digs in the Yellow Jackets' 25-17, 21-25, 25-20, 25-17 loss to Encinal.

Albany's Kim blazes to championship

Freshman fires a 77 to win the BSAL individual title by 10 strokes

By Dave Carpenter
STAFF WRITER

FAIRFIELD — The future of Bay Shore Athletic League girls golf may have arrived on Monday.

Albany High School freshman Joy Kim fired an impressive 5-over 77 at Paradise Valley Golf Course to capture the BSAL individual championship.

Kim was consistent throughout the day as she shot a 38 on the front nine and a 39 on the back nine to easily win the league title. She was competing as an at-large player since Al-

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bany does not have a team.

The funny thing is, Kim was not all that impressed with her round.

"I didn't know how I shot it," she said. "I didn't putt well but my drives went far. I fixed my swing so my shots went far. That made it a short course."

Kim got off to a good start by paring the first hole. She said that made the rest of her round easier.

She finished off the front nine with a birdie.

"I almost drove it to the green," Kim said. "I was three yards short. That gave me confidence."

Piedmont won the team championship to get the automatic berth to

the North Coast Section championships on Oct. 31 at Baywood Country Club in Arcata. The Highlanders combined for a score of 488. St. Mary's took second with 569. Berkeley was fourth with 579.

Lauren Glass led Piedmont and had the second-lowest overall score with an 87.

The top three individuals not on the championship team also qualified for the NCS championships.

Encinal's Kim Conocono and St. Mary's Margo Winton were the other individual qualifiers.

Conocono finished third overall with an 88. She was playing as an at-large golfer since the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League did not have enough teams this season to form an official league.

Conocono, a senior, had previously won two ACCAL and one BSAL title. She has been struggling with tendonitis in her left hand the past three weeks and has only played sparingly. Winton's 92 was the fourth-best score of the tournament.

"There were a lot of good girls here," Winton said. "I was not competing for the NCS, I was competing with myself. That helped me relax."

Her score was her personal best on an 18-hole course. It will be her third trip to the NCS tournament.

"I didn't think it would happen," Winton said. "I was lucky."

Albany's Nana Ohikaima shot a 100. She and Kim were the only Cougars in the tournament.

Berkeley was led by Carol Lee's 107.



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL'S Dwayne Adams, right, tries to find a hole in Pinole Valley's defense. The Spartans won the game 27-19.

Pinole Valley rallies again

Berkeley is the third team to fall victim to a Spartans' fourth-quarter comeback

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The Pinole Valley High School football team owns a knack for fourth-quarter comebacks this season.

Now, the Spartans also own the only undefeated record in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League.

Pinole Valley had two fourth-quarter comebacks for victories in this young season entering Friday's showdown against Berkeley, and chalked up another one with a big 27-19 win over the Yellow Jackets.

"We came together so much as a family. We had faith in one another,

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and that is something that the coaches put into us," said Spartans quarterback Dylan Honaker, who threw the eventual game-winning touchdown to Deontae Purvis with 4:35 to play in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, Pinole Valley (5-1, 3-0 ACCAL) forced three Berkeley turnovers in the final 2½ minutes of the game, including a 75-yard interception return for a touchdown by Charles Canady.

The Spartans' Philip Burns recovered a Berkeley fumble on the Pinole Valley 33 with 1:20 to go, and teammate Alex Harbison grabbed an interception, his second of the game, with 1.2 seconds remaining.

"Pinole played really well. They weathered the storm," Berkeley coach

Matt Bissell said.

Pinole Valley held a 14-7 halftime lead, but Berkeley (3-3, 2-1) grabbed the momentum to start the second half when fullback Nick Allan bolted 74 yards for a touchdown on the second play from scrimmage. But on the point-after-touchdown, holder Kenneth Adams took the snap, ran, and was tackled, and Pinole Valley held a slim lead.

The Yellow Jackets scored with 3:06 left in the third quarter on a 44-yard run by Dwayne Adams, who led all rushers with 99 yards. A PAT run failed again, but Berkeley had a 19-14 advantage entering the final quarter.

On Pinole Valley's second possession of the quarter, it drove 72 yards on nine plays, ending with a quick slant pass by Honaker up the middle to Purvis, who raced into the end

zone for a 24-yard touchdown. The Spartans would not trail again.

Berkeley's Jamar Smith, who ranked third in the ACCAL in rushing entering Friday, left the game on the last play of the third quarter with a leg injury.

The Yellow Jackets did control the Pinole Valley rushing attack. The Spartans' Deaundre Butcher, who led the ACCAL in rushing entering the game, was limited to 70 yards on 19 carries. Pinole Valley had a total of 90 rushing yards on 30 carries.

El Cerrito 34, Hercules 21: With all the problems El Cerrito had with its defense Friday against visiting Hercules, the Gauchos were able to rely on their offense to carry them through.

Hercules quarterback Geo Montgomery scorched El Cerrito's defense

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Poole, Hagan power Albany past St. Joseph

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

Jana Poole and Nicky Hagan combined for 23 kills, and eight aces to help the visiting Albany High School girls volleyball team rally from a two-game deficit to beat St. Joseph Notre Dame 25-27, 16-25, 26-24, 25-17, 15-13 on Tuesday.

The win kept Albany tied with St. Mary's for the Bay Shore Athletic League at 8-1 at press time. The Cougars improved their overall record to 16-5. St. Joseph Notre Dame fell to 19-4 overall and 6-3 in BSAL action.

Poole and Hagan finished with 12 and 11 kills, respectively, and teammates Shireen Javandel and Ruth Rossman each had eight.

St. Mary's d. John Swett: The visiting Panthers (19-4, 8-1 BSAL at press time) received eight kills

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from both Natalie Bogan and Tarah Murrey in a 25-5, 25-5, 25-12 victory over John Swett on Tuesday.

Albany d. St. Elizabeth: Poole had 14 kills and teammate Arlene Sasse added five aces in the host Cougars' 25-8, 25-22, 25-15 victory over St. Elizabeth on Oct. 13.

Encinal d. El Cerrito: Despite 16 service points from Emily Hansen and 15 assists from Lauren Martinez, the host Gauchos (3-4 ACCAL) were unable to defeat the league-leading Jets (7-0 ACCAL) on Tuesday.

Encinal d. Berkeley: Since

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BASKETBALL

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JOODS

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Campolindo High School — Coaching vacancies in following sports: wrestling assistant;

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Pinole Valley High School — Vacancy for varsity baseball coach. Send resume to Pinole Valley High School, 2900 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole, 94664, or fax 510-758-6054. Jeff Wright, A.D., 510-821-2878.

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Moraga Ranch Swim Club — Head coaching vacancy for 2006 swim season for ages 6 and up. The swim club is a member of the Orinda-Moraga Pool Association. \$8,000-\$10,000 depending on experience. Send resume and cover letter to moragaranchcoach@covad.net. 510-502-4274 or visit moragaranch.com.

Clayton Valley High School — Accepting applications for these head coaching vacancies: girls freshman basketball, boys varsity track, boys varsity swimming, varsity softball

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

■ **St. Mary's (2-4, 0-1 BSAL) at Kennedy (1-5, 1-0) 3:30 p.m. today**
Last week: Kennedy beat St. Patrick 30-23. St. Mary's lost to John Swett 30-29.

Notes: The Panthers' offense revived against the Indians with 270 total yards and four touchdowns in the one-point loss. Running back Joshua Galloway rushed for 130 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Eagles to their first win.

■ **Hercules (2-4, 1-2 ACCAL) at Berkeley (3-3, 2-1), 4:30 p.m. today**

Last week: Hercules lost to El Cerrito 34-21. Berkeley lost to Pinole Valley 27-19.

Notes: The Titans scored all of their points in the second half against El Cerrito. The Yellow Jackets outgained Pinole Valley 160-90 on the ground last week.

■ **Richmond (2-4, 0-3) at El Cerrito (4-2, 2-1), 5 p.m. today**

Last week: Richmond lost to Encinal 49-7. El Cerrito beat Hercules 34-21.

Notes: The Oilers allowed 329 rushing yards to Encinal last week. The

Gauchos will have a new kicker this week — senior kicker Erik Dragos broke a leg in last week's game.

■ **Albany (0-5-1, 0-1 BSAL) at St. Patrick-St. Vincent (1-4, 0-1), 7:30 p.m. today**

Last week: Albany lost to Piedmont 42-6. St. Patrick lost to Kennedy 30-23.

Notes: The Cougars have struggled offensively and defensively in being outscored by their opponents 155-46. The Bruins outscored Kennedy 23-6 in the last three quarters of last week's game.

Girls

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Berkeley joined the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League in 2000, it has suffered just two league losses — and Encinal's Phoebe Bautista has had a hand in both.

On Oct. 13, it didn't look like the junior setter for the Jets would get a chance to contribute to that second loss.

But Bautista returned from a rolled right ankle suffered at the end of game one to help host Encinal down Berkeley 25-17, 21-25, 25-20, 25-17 and take sole possession of the ACCAL lead.

The last time the Yellow Jackets lost a league match was to Encinal on Oct. 2, 2003. That loss snapped Berkeley's 42-game ACCAL win streak. If you're counting, Berkeley has posted a 71-2 mark since joining the league.

After a seesaw battle early in game one, the Jets used a 6-0 run to take a 17-10 lead. Bautista had seven assists in game one but rolled her ankle on the last point of the game.

Berkeley (5-1 ACCAL) took advantage of Bautista's absence in game two with Emily Carver recording back-to-back kills to help the Yellow Jackets score the first five points.

Carver finished with eight kills and 11 digs, and her twin sister, Charlotte Carver, finished with a team-high 11 kills and 12 digs.

"It was pretty impressive,"

said first-year Berkeley coach Franklin Brightwater about Bautista's return after the second game. "We were disappointed she got hurt. ... I am happy to see we have good competition in our league."

Bautista's return gave the Jets a new-found energy that Berkeley was unable to match. Bautista finished with 17 assists — including seven in the fourth game — and six kills. Sophomore Cahery Gutierrez led Encinal with 20 kills and two service aces.

CROSS COUNTRY

St. Mary's 24, Salesian 35; St. Mary's 17, Holy Names 46; Salesian 20, Holy Names 35; St. Mary's 15, Berkeley Inc.; Salesian 15, Berkeley Inc.; Holy Names 15, Berkeley Inc. Sara Pennebaker led the victorious Panthers with a third-place finish in the 3.1 mile race at Point Pinole Regional Park in Richmond on Oct. 13. Pennebaker's time was 23 minutes, 2 seconds. Berkeley's top finisher was Kadja Bonet in second place (21:59).

Albany 21, Piedmont 37; Albany 18, St. Joseph Notre Dame 42; Piedmont 22, St. Joseph Notre Dame 35. Albany's Jackie Quinn won the 3-mile race at Tilden Park on Oct. 13 with a time of 21:08, leading her team to a pair of wins. Albany improves to 5-1 in league meets with the victories.

TENNIS

Berkeley 7, Encinal 0: Clara Mattei won the No. 1 singles match 6-2, 6-1 over Kristina Luo in the Yellow Jackets' sweep on

Oct. 13 in an ACCAL

Berkeley 5, Hercules Yellow Jackets won two competitions in the two days again won the No. 1 match, this time 6-2. Nikko Nadarinas.

St. Mary's 4, Albany Panthers edged the host in a BSAL match on Oct. 13. Two teams split the matches, and the Panthers won the doubles match in this close contest.

Albany 6, Salesian host Cougars bounced strongly from the loss to St. Mary's with a victory. Elena Pan won the No. 1 match 6-1, 6-4 over VanZile as the Cougars to 5-5 in ACCAL action.

St. Mary's 6, Holy Names The host Panthers finished 10-2 overall and 8-1 in league play with this overwhelming win on Tuesday. They won the four singles matches. Stephanie Conn defeated the Lee 6-0, 6-0 in the doubles match.

WATER POLO

Bishop O'Dowd 9, Berkeley 7: The host Yellow Jackets outscored the Dragons 7-0 in the final period, but the Dragons weren't enough. Lucy Berkeley (10-7, 3-2) scored with three goals. Krista Degenkolb added

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

Boys

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for three passing touchdowns that easily could have been five.

However, the Gauchos survived because of an offense that did just enough to beat the Titans in an ACCAL contest.

Running back Darnell Quinney scored two rushing touchdowns for the Gauchos (4-2, 2-1 ACCAL) and finished with 120 yards on the ground.

Quarterback Don Miguel Tutass threw two TD passes and totaled 139 yards through the air on 7-of-12 passing. Tight end Isiah Townsend caught both scores from Tutass. They were Townsend's only receptions of the game.

Running back Justin Plair also scored on a 14-yard run with 9:11 in the fourth quarter that gave El Cerrito a 28-7 lead.

However, the El Cerrito secondary was burned Friday on two would-be first-half touchdowns from Montgomery to Tyrrell Evans. They were called back because of penalties.

The Gauchos went into halftime lucky to have a 14-0 lead over the Titans (3-3, 1-2).

After El Cerrito went up 34-14 on Tutass' second touchdown pass to Townsend, the Titans fumbled the kickoff return and the Gauchos took over at the Titans 21-yard line. The fumble was recovered by Alex Levels.

El Cerrito ended up turning the ball over on downs with just 2:29 left in the game, one of the few times it was unable to move the ball. However, the Gauchos mainly had backups in the game at that point.

Hercules took advantage. On its final offensive possession, the Titans marched 68 yards down the field and scored with 28 seconds left when Montgomery hit Evans on a 20-yard touchdown pass.

John Swett 30, St. Mary's 29: Indians quarterback Thomas Arguello suddenly became effective with the game on the line, and the Panthers defense couldn't do anything about it.

In a dramatic 30-29 comeback from behind victory for John Swett on Saturday, Arguello completed 5 of 7 pass attempts and drove John Swett from the Panthers 45-yard line during a 10-play scoring drive that ended in Santuario Carson's 5-yard touchdown reception.

Carson's touchdown made the score 29-28 with six seconds remaining and John Swett opted to go for it all, as Arguello threw to Jose Gonzalez for the two-point conversion to give the Indians the win in the Bay Shore Athletic League opener for both teams.

The Indians (2-4, 1-0 BSAL) started the drive on their 40 with 1:59 remaining, but a 15-yard roughing-the-passer call on the drive's first play put John Swett in Panthers territory.

"That roughing the passer really hurt," St. Mary's coach Bert Bertero said. "We made some mistakes, but the kids played well."

The Panthers (2-4, 0-1) had been shut out for the last nine quarters prior to the game, but came out and scored on their first two possessions. St. Mary's running back Jeremy Allen rushed for 125 yards on 26 carries and scored on runs of 5 and 3 yards.

Eric Merrida's 5-yard touchdown pass to Rolando Oliver gave the Panthers a 29-22 lead.

Piedmont 42, Albany 6: Will Conn threw for 122 yards on 7-of-8 passing in the first quarter, and Peter Modera ran for two first-quarter scores as the Highlanders defeated the visiting Cougars on Friday.

Conn completed his first five passes and hooked up for an 11-yard score with Philip Brown at the end of the quarter to give

Piedmont an early 21-0 lead.

The Highlanders (3-2-1, 1-0 BSAL) scored 42 unanswered points.

Junior running back Kevin Banks led Albany with 87 yards on 21 carries.

"(Piedmont's) fast start hurt us a little," Banks said. "But we came back more inspired in the second half. This is just a wake-up call."

Albany got on the scoreboard late in the third quarter on Caleb Kahn's 14-yard run. Kahn's run capped a 13-play, 80-yard drive.

WATER POLO

Berkeley 15, Bishop O'Dowd 13, OT: Behind seven goals from Marin Balarin, the host Yellow Jackets (11-6, 4-1 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League at press time) knocked off the Dragons, who were previously undefeated in league play. Bishop O'Dowd fell to 11-6 overall and 5-1 in league with the loss Tuesday.

Acalanes 14, Berkeley 2: The Yellow Jackets received goals from Balarin and Sebastian Sabrin, but it was unable to contain the Dons in the Acalanes Shootout on Friday.

CROSS COUNTRY

St. Mary's 20, Berkeley 38; St. Mary's 16, Salesian 46; Berkeley 20, Salesian 37: The Panthers' Matt Duffy and Rob Riccardi finished one-two in the 3.1 mile race at Point Pinole Regional Park in Richmond on Oct. 13. They produced times of 17 minutes, 32 seconds, and 17:39 respectively. Sebastian Schwein was third for Berkeley (17:44).

Piedmont 19, St. Joseph Notre Dame 40; Piedmont 17, St. Joseph Notre Dame 46: Colin Bauer was Albany's top finisher with a fourth-place finish of the 3-mile course at Tilden Park with a time of 17:27 on Oct. 13.

Staff writers Dave Carpenter, Ricardo Sanchez Jr. and Robert

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and girls varsity lacrosse. Doug Swann 925-672-3110, dswann52@aol.com or Pat Midden-dorf 925-682-7474 Ext. 4728 pm258@aol.com.

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hour, 35 minutes. **A-**

"IN HER SHOES": This film version of the "chick lit" book uses every shoe metaphor imaginable, and jams it into a much too lengthy running time. Cameron Diaz plays the sexy sister to Toni Collette's frumpy one in this lightweight exploration of family and romance. The jury remains out on whether Diaz can still act, but Collette, Mark Feuerstein and Shirley MacLaine as a "lost" grandmother almost make this soap opera material float. — R. Myers. (PG: Thematic material, language and some sexual content.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. **C**

"INNOCENT VOICES": Expect every emotion to be yanked out of you in this harrowing true account of an 11-year-old boy facing the possibility of going to war in 1980s El Salvador. Chavez (Carlos Padilla Lenero) is at a crossroads in his young life and must choose whether to be in the army or join a rebel group. Director Luis Mandoki has made a powerful yet slightly manipulative film. — R. Myers. (R: disturbing violence, some language; in Spanish with English subtitles.) 2 hours. **B-**

"INTO THE BLUE": Jared lives in a trailer in the Bahamas with his girlfriend, Sam (Jessica Alba), a shark handler. She loves their quiet life, but he dreams of searching for sunken vessels bearing lost riches. Jared gets his chance when an old college buddy visits with his girlfriend, and innocent diving adventures lead to two discoveries: a 150-year-old shipwreck, and a fortune in cocaine inside a cargo plane. — D. Germain. (PG-13: intense sequences of action violence, drug material, some sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **D+**

"JUST LIKE HEAVEN": Despite a too weighty plot revelation in its final act, this bit of romantic fluff often works, thanks to its two leads — Mark Ruffalo and Reese Witherspoon. She plays the blithe sister who returns to her San Francisco apartment only to find it has been sublet to a sad but cute man (Ruffalo). The two try to fill in the blanks of their lives in a romantic comedy that is almost defeated by the introduction of the serious topic. Ruffalo steals the show. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some sexual content.) 1 hour 35 minutes. **B-**

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Clay Theatre
2261 Filmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4893
**Cape Fear* (R) 11, 1, 30, 4:15, 7, 9:40
**The Warriors* (1979) (R) 12

Embarcadero Center Cinemas ★
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-4893
**Good Night, And Good Luck* (PG) 12, 1, 2, 30, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 7:10, 9:30, 10:15
**Innocent Voices* (R) 1:15, 4, 9, 9:40
**Loggerheads* (Not Rated) 12:15, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10
**Proof* (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:50

Lumiere Theatre ★
1572 California St. San Francisco 415-777-3456
**Garçon Stupide* (Not Rated) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9, 9:45
**MirrorMask* (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
**Where the Truth Lies* (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9, 9:25

Opera Plaza Cinema ★
601 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco 415-267-4893
**Everything Is Illuminated* (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10
**March of the Penguins* (G) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9, 9:40
**Separate Lies* (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
**Thumbsucker* (R) 2, 4:30, 9, 9:20

The Red Vic Theatre ★
1721 Haight, San Francisco 415-688-3994
**Zombie Honeymoon* (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:15

The Roxie Theatre ★
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**The Aristocats* (Not Rated) 9:20
**Forty Shades of Blue* (Not Rated) 9:20
**Los Angeles Plays Itself* (Not Rated) 7:30
**Proteus* (Not Rated) 8

Loews Theatres Metreon*
101 Fourth St. San Francisco 415-369-6200
**The 40 Year-Old Virgin* (R) 10:40, 10:40, 10:35
**Dominio* (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10, 10:40
**Doom* (R) 12, 1:50, 3, 4:50, 6, 7:50, 9, 10:50, 12
**Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story* (PG) 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:20, 11:50
**Elizabethtown* (PG-13) 11:10, 12:30, 2:10, 3:30, 6:50, 8:20, 9:50, 11:40
**Flightplan* (PG-13) 12:10, 2:50, 5:50, 8:30, 11:20
**The Fog* (PG-13) 10:15, 1:05, 4, 7, 9, 9:40
**A History of Violence* (R) 1:15, 3:55, 6:30, 9:10, 11:40
**In Her Shoes* (PG-13) 11:30, 2:30, 6:10, 9:30
**North Country* (R) 10:30, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
**Serenity* (PG-13) 11:45, 3:45, 7:05, 10:15
**Stay* (R) 11:50, 2:40, 5:20, 8, 10:40
**Tim Burton's Corpse Bride* (PG) 10:50, 1:30, 5:20, 7:40, 10
**Two for the Money* (R) 1:30, 7:30
**Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* (G) 10:40, 12:50, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30

Loews IMAX Theatre ★
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**Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon 3D* (Not Rated) 11, 12, 20

United Artists Galaxy 4 ★
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**The Californians* (Not Rated) 12:55, 3:55, 7:20, 9:40
**The Constant Gardener* (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:50
**Emmanuel's Gift* (G) 1:10, 3:45, 7:10, 9:20
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Movies

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"LORD OF WAR": Gore oozes, seeps and spatters, and yet this movie/sermon feels bloodless. Nicolas Cage plays Yuri Orlov, a Ukrainian emigre who rises from under-the-table gun seller to international gun runner. With brother Vitali (Jared Leto) guarding his back, we watch Yuri's 20-year climb. Yuri deals in cash-and-carry, and he fast-talks his way out of death a dozen times. He doesn't take sides, and every time a shell casing bounces out of a chamber in Sierra Leone or Liberia, he hears a "chaching." — R. Moore. (R: strong violence, drug use, language, sexuality.) 2 hours. **B**

"MAD HOT BALLROOM": This documentary follows several teams of pre-adolescent student dancers from New York as they train for the nerve-racking competition that caps the American Ballroom Theater's "Dancing Classrooms" program. There's inherent drama built into any contest, and the filmmakers make the most of the fact — without milking it for cheap sentiment — that there will not just be winners, but losers. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG: some mild references to sex and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **B+**

"MARCH OF THE PENGUINS": A stunningly beautiful documentary about the mating habits of Emperor penguins. Makes you feel like a kid again — curious, excited and enraptured by a story that has nothing to do with humans, not to mention Morgan Freeman narrating in his soothing, rich-as-caramel voice. The only unfortunate aspect is the way director Luc Jacquet anthropomorphizes the birds, incorporating human ideals of love into the screenplay. It's unnecessary; the remarkable story of the penguins can more than stand alone. Still, this is the perfect family movie. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 20 minutes. **B+**

"MIRRORMASK": This fantasy follows the odyssey of 15-year-old Helena, who has a life most kids would relish. She travels with her parents in a circus, but longs for a normal existence. Helena is overcome with guilt when her mother falls seriously ill after a bitter fight. She retreats into a fantasy world in which her mother is both good queen and bad queen; the girl must retrieve a magic charm to help the good queen. — P. Wunlich. (PG: scary images.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. **A-**

"THE PRIZE WINNER OF DEFILANCE, OHIO": Julianne Moore stars as Evelyn Ryan, a real-life wife and mother of 10 who kept her family financially afloat by winning jingle contests in the 1950s. Woody Harrelson plays her alcoholic husband. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: thematic elements, some disturbing images, language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **C-**

"PROOF": There's a lot of talent in front of and behind the cameras for this screen version of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Unfortunately, Oscar-winners Gwyneth Paltrow and Anthony Hopkins, along with nearly everyone else, seem to be off their mark. There's some great writing, but in the end, this production of a smart tale about family, madness and genius simply doesn't add up. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some sexual content, language and drug content.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **C**

"ROLL BOUNCE": In this '70s roller boogie comedy-drama-romance, Bow Wow plays Xavier (or "X"), who pals around with his skate buddies. The whole endeavor is set against the backdrop of the socioeconomic disparity between Chicago's South Side — where X and his friends live — and the wealthier North Side, where they're forced to skate once their run-down local rink closes. It's all formulaic, but Bow Wow is likable enough to make most of the movie tolerable. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: language, some crude humor.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. **C+**

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"SEPARATE LIES": Written and directed by Julian Fellowes and magnificently played by Tom Wilkinson and Emily Watson, this film manages to plumb Bergman-esque depths of conjugal distress while maintaining a very English tone of behavioral restraint and martini-dry humor. While the conflict between married couple James and Anne Manning is drawn from Nigel Balchin's 1951 novel "A Way Through the Wood," Fellowes has shrewdly added a crime mystery plot line. — B. Strauss. (R: language, adult themes.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. **B+**

"SERENITY": This follow-up to the canceled cult TV series "Firefly" combines classic elements of Westerns and science fiction, but sharp writing and well-drawn characters mean you can enjoy it even if you don't like those genres. Or if you don't have a history with the characters. — C. Hewitt. (PG-13: intense violence and action, some sexual references.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. **B-**

"THUMB-SUCKER": In the title role, Lou Pucci plays Justin Cobb, a pale, thin 17-year-old who still sucks his thumb, much to the consternation of his parents. He doesn't fit in neatly with his peers, or in the classroom, yet winds up on the debate team. This at once enrages and challenges his coach (Vince Vaughn), who declares that Justin suffers from attention-deficit disorder and suggests Ritalin. A breakout role for the young performer, but the movie offers nothing we haven't already seen. — K. Thomas. (R: drug/alcohol use and sexuality involving teens, coarse language, a disturbing image.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. **C**

"TWO FOR THE MONEY": Matthew McConaughey plays a former college quarterback who blew out his knee, still harbors hopes of a pro tryout, and who keeps his foot in the door by picking winners for Vegas gambler 900 lines. Al Pacino is New York gam-

bling "adviser." The new kid picks at an 80 percent success rate and is soon the rising star of the \$200 billion sports-gaming industry. — R. Moore. (R: pervasive language, a scene of sexuality, a violent act.) 2 hours. **C**

"WAITING": In this raunchy, rude, "old school"-style look at the world of the waiting and the waited upon resides Monty, the overage Lothario waiting on folks at ShenaniganZ, and sexing up the underage "greeters" and waitresses. There's the hot lesbian bartender, assorted hot waitresses, assorted loser waiters, psycho cooks and a psycho-babbling guru dish washer. See this and you will never send a steak back to the kitchen again. Never ever. — R. Moore. (R: strong crude and sexual humor, pervasive language, drug use.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **B**

"WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT": The first full-length screen adventure of the cheese-obsessed Wallace and his caretaking canine Gromit will delight young and old. The lovable claymation duo from England encounter all sorts of mayhem when one of Wallace's half-baked inventions goes seriously awry, resulting in a Bunny Big-foot that's chewing up veggie patches. Countless verbal and visual gags run throughout this clever homage to horror films. — R. Myers. (G.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **A-**

"THE WAR WITHIN": This tale is equal parts thriller and character study. Snatched off the streets of Paris by some CIA types, engineering student Hassan wakes up in a prison break house in Pakistan. Tortured and interrogated about terrorist ties that don't exist, he is also radicalized by his charismatic cellmate Years later, Hassan and his friend sneak into New Jersey to join a bomber cell. — B. Strauss. (Not rated: violence, nudity, language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B**

"WEDDING CRASHERS": Finally, a

summer comedy that can make your stomach hurt from laughing. Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson play best friends who crash weddings looking for girls. The story slides downhill in its second half, when the focus is on a conventional romance between Wilson's character and pretty girl

Rachel McAdams, but the adult crowd-pleaser of the With Christopher Walken comes Isla Fisher as a gives Vaughn a run for his money. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content and language.) 1 hour, 11 minutes. **B+**

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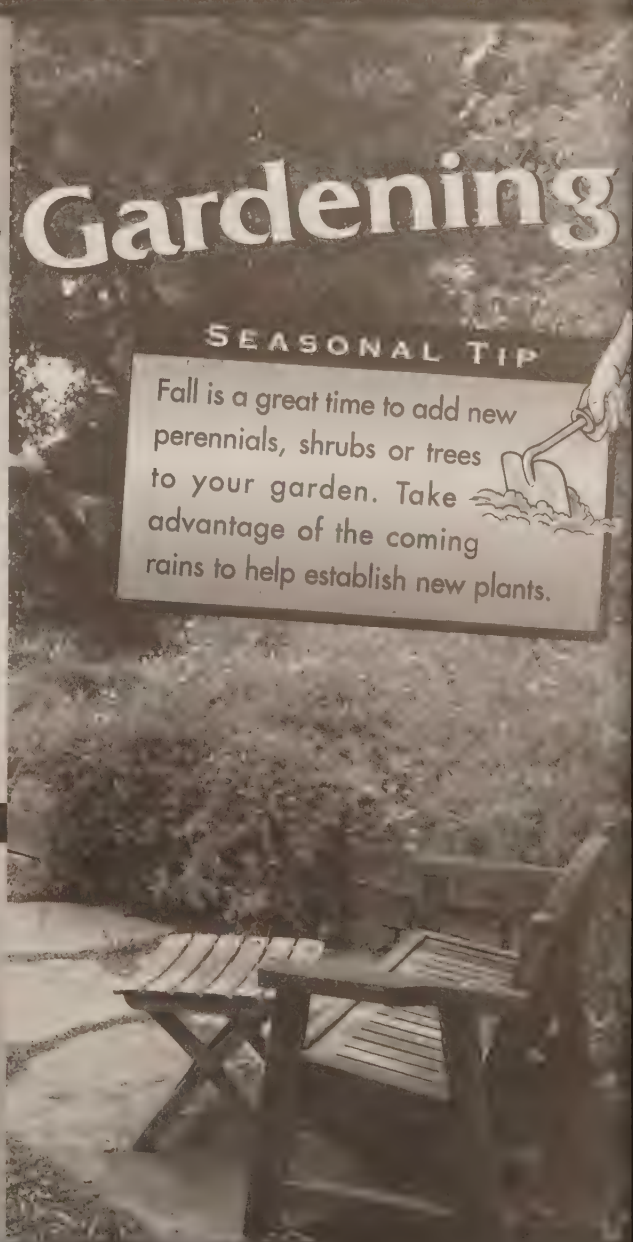
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also includes the 50-acre Arrowhead
Marsh (part of the Western Hemisphere
Shorebird Reserve Network) and a
Roger Berry sculpture titled "Duplex
Cone," which traces the summer and
winter solstice paths of the sun through
the sky.

Free, Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., unless
posted. Doolittle Drive and Swan Way,
Oakland. 510-562-PARK, Picnic reserva-
tions: 510-636-1684 or www.ebay-
parks.org.

REDWOOD REGIONAL PARK — On-
going. The park's 1,836 acres contain a
redwood forest with peaceful groves, as
well as other evergreens, chaparral and
grasslands. There are picnic sites and
grassy play areas, with access for dis-
abled persons and a play structure for
children. Redwood Creek, which runs
through the park, contains the world-fa-
mous rainbow trout.

\$5 per vehicle; \$4 per trailer vehicle;
\$2 per dog; free for guide/service dogs.
Daily, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. 7867 Redwood

Road, Oakland. 510-562-PARK or
www.ebparks.org.

REI BERKELEY — A series of lectures
on hikes and outdoor equipment.

"Exploring Argentina," Oct. 25. A slide
presentation by author Wayne Bern-
hardson.

Events are free and begin at 7 p.m. un-
less noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berke-
ley. 510-527-4140.

**ROBERT SIBLEY VOLCANIC RE-
GIONAL PRESERVE** — Ongoing. East
Bay residents have several volcanoes in
their backyard. This park contains
Round Top, one of the highest peaks in
the Oakland Hills.

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line Blvd., Oakland. 510-562-PARK or
www.ebparks.org.

**ROBERTS REGIONAL RECREATION
AREA** — Ongoing. Within the park's 82
acres are a heated outdoor pool, bath-
house, playing fields, picnic areas and
hiking and riding trails. Sea captains
once took their bearings from a tower-
ing redwood tree on Blossom Rock here.

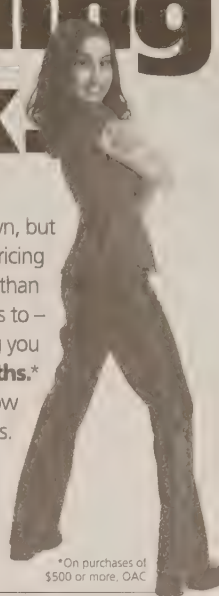
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guide/service dogs. Daily, 5 a.m. to 10
p.m. Skyline Boulevard, a half-mile
north of Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland.
510-562-PARK or www.ebparks.org.

TILDEN REGIONAL PARK — SPECIAL
EVENTS — "Fall Bird Walks," Oct. 2
through Oct. 23. Welcome back the
Northern Flicker, Kinglets and other not-
so-early risers. Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to
11:30 a.m.

"The Haunted Caves of the EEC," Oct.
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dark and spooky Halloween caves, then

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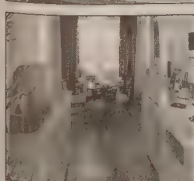
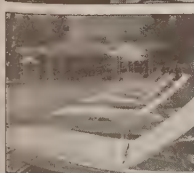
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Featured Menu

KATSU SUSHI



Combination dinner

\$13.95

Choice of two different items served with soup, salad and rice

Chicken Teriyaki

Don katsu

Chicken katsu

Beef teriyaki

Gyoza

Sashimi

Cucumber roll

Inari

Goma ae

Age dashi tofu

Vegetable tempura

Saba shioyaki

Tofu teriyaki

Kaki fry

Tempura combo

Salmon teriyaki

California roll

Oshitashi roll

Sea weed salad

Vege-tempura roll

Avocado roll

Nigiri (A La carte 2 pcs)

Saba • mackerel	\$3.80
Maguro • tuna	\$4.00
Hamachi • yellow tail	\$4.25
Aji • Spanish mackerel	\$4.50
Ikura • salmon roe	\$4.50
Tobi tama	\$4.75

Katsu special rolls

Katsu Star	\$11.50
Shrimp tempura, cucumber wrapped with unagi avocado tobiko on top & house special sauce	
Go Go	
Shrimp tempura spicy crabmeat	\$7.50
avocado wrapped with crunch and sauce	
Yummy Yummy	\$8.50
Shrimp tempura, crab avocado, cream cheese and tobiko	
J Love You	\$6.50
Spicy mayo with shrimp and crabmeat	

KATSU SUSHI

Lunch

Mon-Fri 11:30-2:30pm

Dinner

Mon-Thur & Sun 5-9:30pm

Fri & Sat 5-10pm

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1465 Webster Street

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Family-owned El Caballo Mexican Restaurant has had a long-standing reputation for preparing delicious traditional dishes from scratch using nothing but the freshest ingredients of the highest quality. El Caballo is famous for their Especialidades De Mariscos (seafood specialties) including Paella Estilo Catalina, Cioppino Siete Madres, Enchiladas Cabo San Lucas, and many others. In addition to delicious seafood entrees, El Caballo offers an impressive menu of Mexican favorites to please every palate. The family and staff at El Caballo have made it their utmost priority to offer you, their guests, a pleasant and relaxing dining experience. You are invited to enjoy authentic Mexican dining with a view over beautiful Harbor Bay Lagoon.

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Montclair Bistro

6118 Medan Place, Montclair Village, (510) 482-8282

Chef Henry Verreide's philosophy of his restaurant, Montclair Bistro, is Metrix Cuisine, which he finds is "a synergy between the food on the table, the art on the walls, and the ambience of the restaurant. The result is a feeling of comfort and harmony between the food and the surroundings". The Bistro's cuisine is Creative California with a French Flare and offers gourmet delicacies for even the most discriminating palate. The dining experience is enhanced with a full bar and more than 150 wines and Vintage Ports. *Montclair Bistro offers lunch, dinner, Happy Hour and Sunday Brunch. Please visit our ad for hours of operation. Reservations are recommended but not required. Visit www.montclairbistro.com.*

Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant

300 - 29th Avenue, Oakland (510) 261-1621

Good food, friendly service, and comfortable atmosphere describe Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant. For over 30 years the restaurant has been located adjacent to the Park Street Bridge overlooking the Alameda/Oakland estuary. The "Pier" offers an extensive menu featuring fresh seafood, Angus New York steak, prime rib, pasta, teriyaki ribs, daily specials, and much more. The theme in the kitchen is "good homestyle cooking." Brunch is served on weekends from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and the popular early bird menu is featured daily. Every table has a view of the water and there is plenty of free parking. *The Pier is open 7 days a week. New business hours: Sun. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. - Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner.*

Sophia Cafe

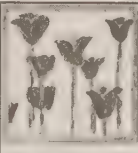
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Sophia Cafe is a tiny haven for Midwest food. Owner Moti Dagan makes entrees and baked goods with a personal touch. For dinner enjoy schnitzel, moussaka (sliced eggplant dish with ground beef) or the cous cous plate. Finish with a delightful dessert made in-house. For a limited time, enjoy early bird specials for only \$7.95. Offer valid only with mention of ad from 5-9pm. Take out and catering menus available upon request. *Open Sun-Fri 11-9pm.*

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Appetizers

Goma ae - steamed spinach with sesame sauce	\$3.95
Kani sunomono - crab meat and cucumber with vinegar	\$3.95
Agedashi tofu - battered tofu	\$4.50
Kaki fry - breaded oysters	\$5.95
Enoki beef - mushroom wrapped in grilled beef	\$6.50
Soft shell crab - deep fried crab w/tartar sauce	\$7.95

Salads

CA sea food salad - shrimp, tuna, crab meat, and avocado with dressing	\$9.95
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Lunch Entrees

Charbroiled Chicken Teriyaki	\$6.95
Salmon Teriyaki	\$6.95
Charbroiled salmon with teriyaki sauce	
Beef Teriyaki	\$7.95
Charbroiled beef with teriyaki sauce	

Deep Fried

Prawn tempura - battered prawns	\$7.95
Seafood tempura - seafood combination	\$8.50
Chicken katsu - breaded chicken	\$11.50
Don katsu - breaded lean pork loin	\$11.95

O'Bento Box

Choice of two items	\$8.95
Choice of three items	\$11.95

Chicken teriyaki	Saba shioyaki
Don katsu	Tofu teriyaki
Chicken katsu	Kaki fry
Beef teriyaki	Tempura combo
Gyoza	Salmon teriyaki
Sashimi	California roll
Cucumber roll	Oshitashi roll
Inari	Seaweed salad
Goma ae	Age dashi tofu
Vegetable tempura	Avocado roll
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Café Ya 'sou

1265 Harbor Bay Parkway #100, Alameda, (510) 522-7991
Café Ya 'sou takes guests on a culinary journey to the Mediterranean, bringing the flavors of Greece and her neighbors to Alameda. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Ya 'sou has a reputation of pleasing guests with old-fashioned Greek specialties created by Stelios. Try one of many home-style entrees, including Moussaka, Spanikopita, Tiropitakia, Osso Buco, and Dolmas (Greek sampler) to name only a few. Vegetarian entrees are available upon request. Greek desserts, cakes pastries from old family recipes are not to be missed. Catering is also a specialty at Café Ya 'sou, offering delicious sit-down or buffet-style dinners for private parties, corporate events, weddings and more. A catered Sunday brunch can be arranged for your church or community center. Café Ya 'sou is located at 1265 Harbor Bay Pkwy #100 in Alameda. (510) 522-7991.

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Reception, Oct. 28, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 2324 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-665-9496 or www.berkeleyartsfestival.com.

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE ARTS, OLIVER ART CENTER — CLOSING — "All-College Honors and Scholarship Awards Exhibition," Oct. 6 through Oct. 22. An exhibit of visual and written works by students recog-

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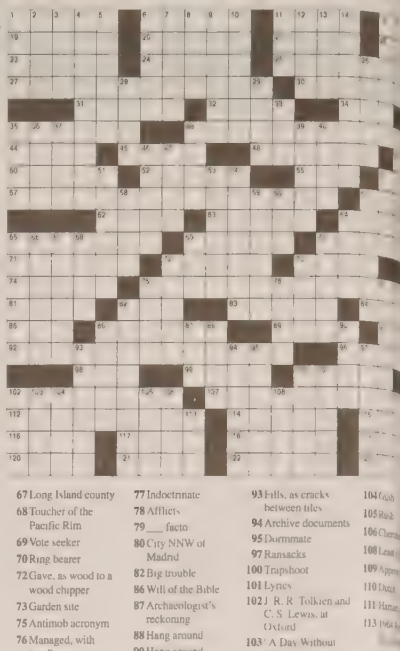
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"SOLANO AVENUE EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE: A DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION" — Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m. Free. An observance of the Mexican

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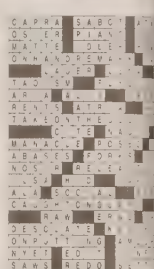
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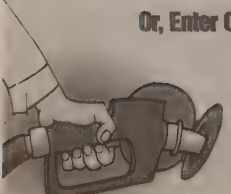
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"He was one of the great makers in our generation," Mettinger.

Mettinger and the organizers set to donate all the proceeds to UNICEF, the U.N.'s child relief fund, until Katrina

disaster led to the breaking cooperation between the U.N. and the U.S. government. "Uniquely, UNICEF — the first time in the history of

the U.N. — made a decision to help the United States, and the U.N. accepted help from the U.N. for the first time," says Mettinger. "Within two weeks after Katrina, the U.N. sent out 1,000 boxes in a box so 40,000 homeless children could potentially have their education in the aftermath of the disaster. Each box is a room that contains equipment for one teacher and 40 kids. I thought, this is a very important and exciting way to help the kids in need," says Mettinger.

Mettinger and OEBS decided to donate all proceeds to UNICEF's Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund for children in need.

Over the years, Mettinger was the chairman for last season's successful performances of Bernstein's "Mass," the undertaking in the history of OEBS. He helped raise \$75,000 to underwrite the event, and a \$75,000 grant from the Barbro Osher Foundation to fund the event. It's also sponsored by the World Affairs Council and the United National As-

sociation — USA, East Bay and San Francisco chapters, of which Mettinger is a member.

The concert will begin with a flag procession of U.N. members and Morgan leading members of the Oakland East Bay Symphony in Aaron Copland's dramatic "Fanfare for the Common Man."

The anchoring hour-long piece of the concert will be "A Mass for Peace of the Third Millennium," written by Danville composer and dentist John Vitz. Morgan and OEBS premiered it successfully last year in Berkeley, so it bore repeating, says Mettinger.

Mettinger's own recent serendipitous musical experiences helped shape some of the other repertoire for the concert. Mettinger says musical pieces have popped up during the concert's planning process that matched its peace theme.

In April, Mettinger went to hear the award-winning Bay Area chorus Contare Con Vivo for the first time. "I didn't know anything about them. It's a wonderful chorus." It had done Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms two years ago, so Mettinger invited it to perform the piece, and the group agreed to do it on short notice.

Composed in 1965 for Chichester Cathedral in England, Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" is a musical setting of all or part of six Psalms for chorus, counter-tenor and orchestra. The final text the chorus sings, without orchestra, is the first verse of Psalm 133, "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity." The piece ends with a long "Amen," held by the orchestra as long as possible.

Another one of Mettinger's discoveries for the concert will be the first Bay Area public performance of Neo Camerata, a Dallas-based group whose classically trained musicians blend classical and pop music. It's led



OAKLAND EAST BAY SYMPHONY

NEO CAMERATA will be among the performers at Sunday's "Concert for Peace and Humanity" at the Paramount Theater in Oakland.

by Mark Landson, who is also a composer. Mettinger heard Landson's new piece, "Vokante Heroa," or "A Hero's Journey," by chance last June. Mettinger describes it as "the perfect fit" for this event since Hammarskjöld was killed in a plane crash in 1961 while on a peace mission to the Congo.

Another Swedish connection on Sunday will be Swedish actress and film/television star Caroline Lagerfelt, who will read excerpts from "Markings," the celebrated diary of Hammarskjöld's that was published after his death. Lagerfelt's father was a close friend of Hammarskjöld's.

Mettinger grew up learning about Hammarskjöld and reading "Markings," which he says contains many poems and aphorisms. "He was a philosopher and poet. He was an agnostic who

was deeply religious," says Mettinger. Hammarskjöld described the manuscript as a "sort of white book concerning my negotiations with myself and with God."

The concert will conclude with jazz vocalist Natasha Miller leading the artists and singers, including Oakland's Jazz Choir and Interfaith Gospel Choir, in a rendition of Lionel Ritchie and Michael Jackson's 1985 anthem, "We Are the World."

"I assigned the solos to make it similar to the original. The audience will get to join in, which will be nice," says Miller.

This event is really about bringing the community together here in the Bay Area, says Mettinger. "Seeing the world as one family is going to be the challenge for this generation and coming generations, and this is what the U.N. is all about," says Mettinger.

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My mom is a little clip of a snippet of conversation. I heard her calling Social Services on the phone asking for help. She really having a hard time, going crazy — she was depressed and suicidal.

Tell me a little bit about your background.

I grew up in Syracuse, in the Bay del left when I was 12. I have three siblings — two younger and one younger brother. I left the month after we had my little brother from Kona. That had a huge, heavy impact on my work — my dad leaving and my brother being left right after being adopted. My mom started to have medical problems, and I ended up taking care of my siblings when I was the way up until I left for college.

It was a really big struggle because we were financially, really impoverished. My mom was not — not paraplegic then — I had to make a decision. I decided to leave for college. I took out loans, I applied for college, and my mom and my siblings were really upset with me. Then what happened?

I decided to pursue art. I was very much out of the world. And then my mother was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis when I was about 20, and she really changed everything because I had to go back and forth between school and home. A couple months previous to that, my father was in a fire accident, so that kept happening —

tragedies would keep happening where I would have to go back and take care of things and swoop in and be the caretaker. I decided to go to grad school, and I moved out here. The reason I decided to go to grad school was because I was working on this project about my family which had developed out of a need for subject matter. I was in school but also going home, traveling home and trying to take care of my family, so in order to get my work done, I would photograph there. I started finding work as just my own means of dealing with my family.

Q: It sounds like you had so much going on in your life. How did you manage to find the time to create art?

A: I started taking pictures when I was 12 — right after my dad left — but they were of trees and things like that. I was always drawing when I was a kid — I was always creative and artistic. I really started to latch onto it as a means of self-expression when I was in high school, and I really used it as a way of escape — a way to not go home — a way to be in school.

I wanted to be a writer — a journalist. I just missed photography so much that I just decided that I would switch my major to photography. I transferred out of state school into a private technical institution, and that's how I got into it.

Q: What's your families' reaction been to your work?

A: My family has always been really supportive, actually. My siblings didn't really care at first — it was just kind of something that Jesse does or whatever. Then as I started to send back exhibition announcements and articles, they

started to get a little bit more guarded. My sisters and brothers were teenagers, beginning adolescence — now they're getting into their 20s — so they were going through this period where I documented this vulnerability, this self-consciousness. I didn't think about that for a long time until recently how they really opened up and gave me a lot.

Q: What else are you working on?

A: I'm going to be working on a project with the Richmond Art Center next year for their 70th anniversary. I'll be working in the community of Richmond, where I live, photographing people. I think I'm going to be taking portraits similar to the ones I'm taking of my family and allowing people to tell their stories.

Q: I know you're also a teacher. What is that like?

A: It's very different. People want to photograph their lives — people want to photograph their dogs and their nieces and nephews. At first I was like, "This is so not art," but then I realized that that's exactly what I'm doing. If they want to photograph their family, that's what I'm going to teach them to do. That's a very human need — to document and capture.

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tuted one set of convictions for another, seeking stability in a world of dizzying change.

When his mother asks Han to go to church with her, he declines: "I'll sit in the Starbucks and wait for you."

"Starbucks?"

"The coffee shop over there."

"Han's mother stretches and looks at it, no doubt the first time she has noticed its existence." This is not only a joke about how branding has not yet become universal, but it's also a simple and direct evocation of the gap between young and old, East and West — a familiar theme that Li plays on with uncommon freshness in several stories.

Li's typical mode is realism, but she's also capable of crafting a parable about the conti-

nities of Chinese history, as in "Immortality," the story that won her the Plimpton Prize. It tells of a man who was born with the face of "the dictator" — presumably Chairman Mao — and links his fate with that of the eunuchs who once served the emperors. She also pulls off a tricky narrative tour de force in "Per-simmons," gradually disclosing the motives of a mass murderer by reporting the gossip of the peasants in his village.

It's clear that Li has mastered the strategies of fiction. She elevates patient endurance to near-heroic stature in these stories of ordinary lives swept back and forth by the tides of history and politics. This book may be one of the year's most auspicious debuts.

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other as young cousins has named them, leaving them in a state of pain."

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In great economy, Li strikes a delicate balance between the comic and the tragic. He is a writer who knows the words and doesn't waste them elegantly and concisely, setting up an attitude or a relationship in a few phrases.

In the story "Son," Han, who became a U.S. citizen, has returned to China to visit his mother, a Communist Party member who has become a Christian. Li realizes that she has substi-

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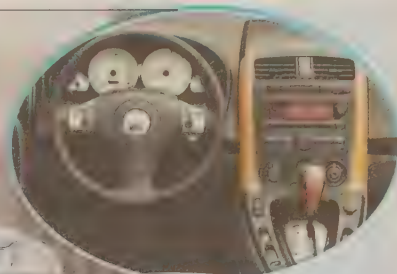
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BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS



THE SATURN VUE, handles like a mid-size sedan, yet hauls cargo in the same manner as the big boys.

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tal of my tester to \$26,200.

For those wanting to do light off-roading, the Vue is also available with all-wheel drive. If 250 horsepower isn't required, a four-cylinder 143-horsepower is available. That engine is rated at 22-mpg city, 27-mpg highway compared to the 20/28 for my tester. But I preferred the V6 engine, as there was nothing sluggish when it came to accelerating.

There's a lot of similarity between this SUV and a small sedan. It handles with ease and there is very little lean when making a sharp turn.

Typical of most GM vehicles, the Vue's interior contained XM Satellite radio, as well as OnStar. An AM/FM stereo with CD is standard. Optional is MP3 readability, making the sound system iPod compatible. Back-seat passengers can view a

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video from a 7-inch LCD screen, which includes wireless headphones.

One practical use of an SUV is hauling stuff. For example, when I took a carpet to a cleaner, all I had to do was open the rear lid, lower one side of the 70/30-

rear seat and the backrest of the front passenger seat. The 10-foot carpet slid in with ease. Large gas-guzzlers could not have made the task easier.

For those who prefer the huge SUVs for protection in an accident, the Vue has

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1933 Datsun fire truck has traveled many miles in it's 72 years

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

It's a long way from Tokyo to Ellicott City, Md., — about 6,800 miles and 72 years — in the case of the 1933 Datsun fire truck owned by Dan Banks.

As far as he can determine, this is the oldest Datsun truck in private hands. Numbers on the frame pre-date the first production at the Yokohama Datsun assembly line factory on April 12, 1935.

According to company historians, many Datsun automobiles in the early 1930s went unsold because of a dearth of licensed Japanese drivers. Consequently, many of the unsold cars were later converted into more practical vehicles, such as fire trucks. The engine number suggests this fire truck was originally a sedan

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that a specialty shop converted into a more useful vehicle.

In pre-World War II Japanese metropolitan areas, the suburbs were a rabbit warren of tiny streets. Diminutive fire engines were ideal for their ability to navigate through the narrow streets. The 1933 Datsun fire engine measures 10 feet, 4 inches long, 4 feet, 7 inches wide, rides on a 74-inch wheelbase and has an 18-foot turning radius. Despite its small size, the heavy fire truck isn't easy to steer on its 4.50x16-inch tires.

It served during World War II in the industrial Tokyo suburb of Kawasaki, Banks says. Records indicate that the little fire truck was

not retired from active duty until 1960. The trusty Datsun was then exiled to a Yokohama junkyard where it fell into disrepair. A week after Valentine's Day in 1962, Edward D. Daniel, a young Navy sailor, purchased the relic and rescued it from the junkyard. In June that year, he had his fire truck sent to Hachioji, a district of Tokyo, for reconditioning at Hihon Kikai Limited, a manufacturer of fire trucks.

Upon completion in 1964, the Datsun followed Daniel from Yokohama to Oakland, Calif., where he was assigned to the U.S. Naval Base at Treasure Island in San Francisco. In 1967 the fire truck was shipped — through the Panama Canal — to Bayonne, N.J., where it was then trailed on to Binghamton, N.Y. After retiring from the Navy in 1976 as a se-

nior chief petty officer, Daniel thought long and hard about what to do with the Datsun fire truck.

By 1987, he determined to bite the bullet and proceeded to have his 1933 Datsun fire truck restored to its original splendor. Eventually, the vehicle ended up at Reinholds Restorations in Reinholds, Pa. After about 1,500 hours, the task was completed in the spring of 2002. The red truck was pinstriped in gold paint and the 19-horsepower, four-cylinder engine was rebuilt and reinstalled. Power to the rear wheels is transferred via the three-speed manual transmission. Double clutching is recommended.

Four 7-foot lengths of intake hoses and reels of output hose are carried on the truck. Four shiny brass nozzles are stored, at the ready, on the rear step plate. The uptake hoses

were intended to pump water from whatever source was available. In order to prevent small stones or other debris from being sucked into the pump, a woven bamboo filter fits over the end of the uptake hose.

Daniel offered his restored fire truck for sale in January 2005. Banks contacted him and, once he was satisfied with the authenticity, transfer of ownership took place on May 7 at Daniel's home in Sinking Spring, Pa.

With the fire truck at his home, Banks inspected the Datsun, not believing his good fortune. Each time he climbs behind the three-spoke steering wheel on the right side of the vehicle, he savors the experience. The spare tire is mounted vertically behind the seat cushion to double as the back of the driver's seat.

The clutch is in the familiar place

as the far left foot pedal and accelerator have places. Unlike modern trucks with a multitude of lights, this one has only a single taillight on the left fender in the day. At the right end, above the rear axle, is a spotlight with a fire bar on the left end of the bar. Whenever he shows the truck, Banks is easy to see, the one with a smile and the polished chrome of his fire truck.

For your car to be a part of the Classic Car Club, send a photo (frontal and side view), brief details and phone number to Vern Parker, 2221 Abbott Road, Vienna, VA 22181. Only good quality will be con-



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Using a cheap fuel injector cleaner can be expensive

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: With all the trouble that newer cars are having with dirty fuel injectors, are there any additives that will keep them clean? — William

Dear William: The inside of the fuel tank has a special coating to prevent rusting. Any chemical poured into the fuel tank has to be weak enough not to damage the coating. There are many additives on the market, most of which do not work. I use Techron by Chevron at my shop. It is not a cheap product. I would be leery of any inexpensive additives sold in large stores. Always keep the gas tank at 1/4 minimum and the gas filter replaced every year when serviced.

Dear Doctor: I used to own a 1995 Saturn, that with just 35,000 miles, had a failed head gasket. Now I have a 2000 Saturn that had antifreeze in one of the spark plug wells. The dealer added some coolant supplement. Will this work? Does Saturn have a head gasket problem? — Don

Dear Don: I have seen some head gasket failures over the years, and the coolant supplement is a form of stop leak. In most cases it will at least slow down a small gasket leak.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Subaru Legacy. Sometimes when stopped at a light and the light turns green, the car does not want to move from the light. The engine will race up and then it will move. — Fred

Dear Fred: Sounds like lack of transmission fluid pressure or low fluid level. Take the car to your local shop or dealer; have them check the problem before it gets worse. A simple transmission tune-up may be all that is needed.

Dear Doctor: I own a 33-foot Fountain boat with twin big block inboard Mercury engines. The

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problem is when changing the oil filters, oil always gets into the bilge area. Do you know any way to catch the oil from the oil filters when I loosen and remove them? — Melvin

Dear Melvin: I also own a boat with a single big block engine. A device called filter glove has a small plastic container that slips over the oil filter. Once you loosen the oil filter, slip the plastic glove over the filter and unscrew it. The leaking oil leaks into the glove and there is no mess. The filter glove sells for about \$10. Check online at www.filterglove.com. It doesn't work on filters mounted in a horizontal position.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2004 Mercury Sable which I purchased new. The driver's window chatters just before it closes fully. I have been back to the dealer many times and all they do is lubricate it. The lubrication lasts about a week. On my last visit, the service manager said that all Sables have the same problem and there is no fix for it. I never heard of such a thing. — James

Dear James: I have worked on many Sables. The fix for window chatter is to usually remove the door panel, replace the window rubber channel and lubricate the regulator and all moving parts.

Dear Doctor: My family and I own a 1989 Ford E350 van and a 1993 Bronco, both with the 5.8-liter V8 engine. My daughter owns a 1991 Jeep 4.0-liter six-cylinder and all have a fan belt squeak. I have tried the original factory brand and aftermarket belts, all with the same chirp after a short time. I spray the belts with silicone and the noise goes away for a week. What is the solution for the chirping problem? — John

Dear John: First, look at all the pulleys that the belt rides on. I have seen a lot of worn pulleys that wear the top and bottom of the belt. The pulleys also need to be clean and dry. In some cases, the automatic belt tensioner weakens and does not keep the belt tight. The belt and pulleys also have to be kept in line. In that case, use the next size smaller belt, which works on vehicles with 50,000-plus miles. The slightly smaller belt makes up for the slightly worn pulleys. I never recommend using any kind of silicone or belt dressing on the belts. I also use Gates belts and hoses at my shop.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1999 Ford Explorer 4.0-liter six-cylinder automatic 4x4 with 85,000 miles. I bought it used and have owned it for four years. My problem is an intermittent transmission failure. When coming to a stop and proceeding, the engine revs up and the transmission does not go in first gear. If I gently push down on the gas pedal, the transmission seems to work OK. I have taken it to a transmission shop and Ford dealer. Both checked the transmission for trouble codes and found nothing. — Geri

Dear Geri: You made no mention of anyone pulling down the transmission pan to inspect the filter or changing the fluid. I would first pull the transmission pan, remove and inspect the filter, then replace the filter. Next, have the shop perform a transmission fluid flush. Make sure the fluid is just above the full mark when the flush is done. I have seen some Ford vehicles actually suck air instead of fluid under some acceleration and cornering conditions. I would also have the shop check with the Identifix hot line for a list of repair track history on this problem.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

A used car or a Katrina biohazard

BY MARCIA BIEDERMAN
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

To the sorrows and losses wrought by Hurricane Katrina, add the unprecedented potential for fraud — and peril — in the resale of cars damaged by the storm.

Since the hurricane struck on Aug. 29, auto clubs and law enforcement officials have warned consumers to scrutinize used cars for water damage and investigate their histories. Because a damaged car's title can be "washed" — varying state laws make it relatively easy to obtain a clean title in one state for a vehicle branded with a "flood" or "salvage" title in another — such warnings are routine after major storms.

But Katrina's automotive losses were hardly routine. Cars that sat in sewage- and fuel-contaminated floodwaters in New Orleans could pose unprecedented risks to anyone who handles the vehicles or their parts, according to the Coordinating Committee for Automotive Repair, a nonprofit organization that provides advice on pollution prevention and worker health and safety issues to segments of the auto industry, including repair businesses.

"This is not just another flood vehicle — this is a whole different animal," said Robert Stewart, the group's president.

The coordinating committee has posted a report on the Internet (www.car-greenlink.org) warning that contaminated sludge may lurk in doors, frame rails, rocker panels and gas tanks, and that interior trim and carpets can harbor pathogens. The flooded cars should be regarded as biohazards, the group says.

"We can't tell you whether a New Orleans car would ever be safe," said Lurel Holt, past chairman of the coordinating committee.

Carfax, the nation's leading provider of information on the history of individual vehicles, estimates that 570,000 cars may have been damaged by Katrina. Louisiana officials say 300,000 of those may have been in New Orleans.

An ambitious project to help consumers identify at least some hurricane-damaged vehicles became available online Friday. At the Web site of the National Insurance Crime Bureau, www.nicb.org, one can enter a car's 17-digit vehicle identification number, or VIN, to find out whether it is among the 60,000 listed so far in a database of vehicles damaged by Hurricanes Ka-

trina or Rita.

The insurance crime bureau, a nonprofit organization financed by insurance companies primarily to combat auto theft and insurance fraud, is continuing to work with the Louisiana State Police on collecting VIN numbers of both insured and uninsured vehicles.

Frank G. Scafidi, a spokesman for the insurance crime bureau, said more detailed information about the vehicles, including title histories, would be made available to law enforcement agencies and motor vehicle departments around the nation, and to vendors of vehicle-history information like Carfax.

So far the Web site lists only 3,300 VINs for New Orleans vehicles. The vast majority of the cars listed so far were damaged where contamination was less likely: in other parts of Louisiana or in Alabama and Mississippi. Most were insured vehicles for which settlements have been made, Scafidi said.

Until the crime bureau's Web site has more complete listings, consumers can research whether a vehicle was ever registered in counties declared a federal emergency disaster area by entering the VIN at www.carfax.com/flood.

Lt. Allen Carpenter of the Louisiana State Police heads a task force, which also includes the crime bureau, focused on collecting the VINs of affected vehicles and making them available to the public. But the work did not begin until three and a half weeks after Katrina hit, he said, because the police were busy with public-safety matters and because New Orleans officials reversed their decision about opening the city. Out-of-state wreckers began moving vehicles out of the city, he said, and fliers appeared under windshield offering to pay "top dollar" for cars.

"Given the sheer volume of what we're doing, it would be impossible to expect we'll catch 300,000 cars unless the city was shut down completely," Carpenter said. "If we can get 80 percent to 85 percent of these vehicles indexed, we'll have done a fantastic job."

Louisiana state authorities share some of the environmental concerns of the Coordinating Committee for Automotive Repair, but appear to place more faith in standard cleansing processes. In recent weeks, state police personnel have been working with the state environmental quality de-

partment to identify hazardous cars in New Orleans and decontaminate them. Customary after disaster, companies that insure cars are turning them over as scrap, dismantle them or offer them to rebuilders.

John Rogers, an environmental scientist for the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, said his agency has consulted in the preparation of a coordinating committee. In contrast to the report on places in a car that contamination could linger, many of the affected cars dried out, reducing problems from factors like mold. Cars could be decontaminated by being washed or having trim removed.

Carpenter said he preferred to crush all the cars covered from the most parishes: Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Tammany, Iberville, Terrebonne, and Plaquemines. That would cost less than decontaminating the vehicles, he said, be sure they wouldn't be sold.

But some insurance companies resisted across-the-board crushing. Carpenter added that cars for scrap metal bring in less money than cars whose whole value is being salvaged. Thomas C. O'Brien, executive of Insurance Auto Auctions, said his company is a handling cars salvaged from areas on company insurers and other companies. He said, determine the market.

The Progressive Insurance Cos. volunteered to crush any car taken from areas most contaminated by oil or fuel. In a news release, the company said it would not respond to inquiries from anyone who wanted to be the first to buy a car. "We don't want to work with them, we want any of them going the road," said Anne Spokeswoman for Progressive Insurance, Geico and State Farm. "We did not respond to inquiries from anyone who wanted to be the first to buy a car."

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According to the California Highway Patrol any child who weighs less than 60 pounds, and/or is less than 6 years old, must be placed in a child safety seat in the rear of the vehicle, except for two-seater cars.

Mercedes-Benz R-Class: A sport tourer others will chase

BY HERB SHULDINER
MOTOR MATTERS

Mercedes-Benz has peaked. Big sedan sales are tapering off. So what kind of vehicle will become the next hot item in the automotive market? Mercedes-Benz is betting on the innovative R-Class sports car. It's a candidate. But designing what segment the R-Class is in is daunting. It's not a minivan, SUV, station wagon or sedan. However, its size, performance, all-wheel drive utility and people-carrying capacity are key features of all those competitors for the R-Class. The Chrysler Pacifica might also be a contender. The Cadillac SRX might also be a contender. The R-Class is 10 inches shorter. Mercedes, however, believes the sports tourer is the first of a new class of vehicles. And Lincoln, among others, reported to have competitors in the R-Class in the works. The R-Class looks like a sports car on steroids. It is muscular and away like an SUV, yet its dynamic design rivals that of

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a sports sedan. The 0.31 coefficient of drag confirms sleekness also translates into low wind noise even at high cruising speed. Even longer than the S-Class (by 1 inch), the R-Class is the longest Mercedes offered. A generous 64 percent of that length is available for occupants.

The interior has three rows of comfortable seats that can carry six occupants. Both rows of rear seats can be folded down to provide the cargo-carrying capacity of bigger SUVs and minivans. In addition, the second-row seats can be adjusted fore and aft to provide up to 39 inches of legroom. There are about 30 inches of space between the second and third rows.

Mercedes believes the new sports tourer is the first of a totally new class of vehicles. And Lincoln, among others, reported to have competitors in the R-Class in the works. The R-Class looks like a sports car on steroids. It is muscular and away like an SUV, yet its dynamic design rivals that of

engineers also plan to offer an advanced CDI diesel engine in this vehicle.

The seven-speed transmission has a wide spread of gear ratios between first and seventh that give the R-Class swifter acceleration and smoother downshifts. It allows smaller increases in engine speed as the vehicle accelerates. This maximizes fuel economy and provides very fast reaction time to accelerator pressure.

The computer that controls the transmission allows it to skip as many as three gear ratios when it downshifts. It can downshift from seventh to fifth, or from sixth to second, for instance. The shifting action is very transparent and the driver doesn't feel any jerkiness in the transition from one gear stage to the next.

The transmission's hydrodynamic torque converter contains a lock-up clutch that also increases fuel efficiency and eliminates converter slippage. When the lockup clutch is engaged it simulates the direct connection and fuel efficiency of a manual

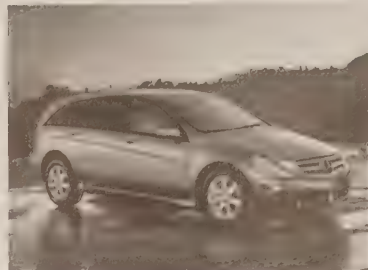
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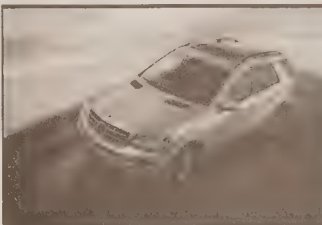
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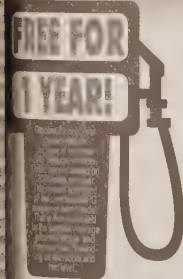
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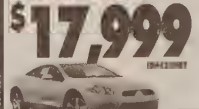


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2938 Shasta Rd - \$855,000
2337 Spaulding Av - \$942,000
1232 Talbot Av - \$550,000
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616 Donna Mae - \$475,000
677 El Cerro Dr - \$540,000
6400 Hillside Dr - \$839,000
4307 Jana Vista Rd - \$530,000
373 Joan Vista St - \$325,000
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LOWEST PRICE: \$595,000
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AVERAGE PRICE: \$686,667

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LOWEST PRICE: \$400,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,000,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$625,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$666,455

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LOWEST PRICE: \$613,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$705,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$685,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$672,000

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$325,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$939,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$475,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$525,222

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$260,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$475,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$475,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$428,625

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TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$705,000

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TOTAL SALES: 139
LOWEST PRICE: \$215,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,375,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$511,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$540,935

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$908,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,350,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,295,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,404,500

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 51
LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$852,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$465,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$500,176

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TOTAL SALES: 40
LOWEST PRICE: \$340,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$880,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$545,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$562,888

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Lucerne joins the Buick lineup

BY G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

the continuing renaissance of its premium-car division, GM this year introduced the all-new, full-size Lucerne sedan.

Although General Motors insists the Lucerne "isn't a replacement," it takes the place of the LeSabre and Park Avenue as Buick's simple new two-car lineup.

Of Buick's midsize LaCrosse took last year, the Lucerne and Century.

Prices for the 2006 Lucerne, which has an "entry luxury" sedan, range from \$35,990 to \$39,990, including freight.

The automaker said these prices reflect the price vehicles realistically, including the most popular content, so that customers don't automatically expect cash rebates or discounts.

With these prices, the Lucerne "targets" comparably equipped import competitors and should have a positive impact on the company's sales, particularly in the Northeast, the company said. It's slightly higher than the Park Avenue — 204 inches — but has a longer wheelbase, 120.8 inches — but has a longer wheelbase, which translates into more interior space in the Park Avenue.

Buick is looking to bring in younger buyers and hopes the Lucerne can help.

Although it might not be quite as big as the Park Avenue, it should have an appeal for loyal older Buick customers who have helped make the LeSabre the best-selling full-size sedan on the market for several years.

Lucerne is Buick's most premium and "premium" model," Buick General Manager Shannon said in announcing the prices.

In the first time in 10 years, a V8 engine is offered in a Buick.

The optional 4.6-liter engine, similar to

the base Northstar V8 in the 2006 Cadillac DTS, turns out 275 horsepower and 300 foot-pounds of torque. And that's with a rather impressive 17 miles per gallon in the city and 26 mpg on the highway, according to EPA estimates provided by Buick.

The base CX model, with a 3.8-liter V6 engine rated at 195 horsepower and 225 foot-pounds of torque, should be adequate for most consumers, particularly those looking for optimum fuel economy.

EPA ratings for the Lucerne with this engine are 20 mpg city/29 highway — nearly the same as ratings for the competing Toyota Avalon. The next level is the CXL, which comes with either the V6 or the V8.

Top of the line is the CXS, which comes only with the V8 engine.

All three models get a four-speed automatic transmission, which is a bit behind much of the competition. The Avalon has a five-speed automatic, as does the Acura TL and even the Kia Amanti, which has similar power to the base Lucerne V6. Lucerne's starting price is \$460 below the 2005 LeSabre, yet has more standard equipment, Buick says, including a better warranty, traction control and more air bags.

Adjusting for the added equipment, the Lucerne CX is \$2,200 below a comparable 2005 LeSabre. The CX's price is about where the Avalon starts. The Avalon comes only with a V6 engine, but one cranks out 280 horsepower — five more than Lucerne's V8 engine.

The Lucerne CXL V6 starts at \$28,990, and gets such extras as painted aluminum wheels, leather seats, a leather-wrapped steering wheel and a power passenger seat.

To upgrade to the V8 engine in the CXL trim level, the price is \$30,990.

Buick says that gives the Lucerne the performance to be compared with more expensive premium sedans such as the Lexus GS and Infiniti M, both with starting prices

above \$45,000. It's not likely that many consumers would be shopping the Lucerne against those cars, however. High-end import shoppers are just a different breed.

Buick says the Lucerne will compete against entry-level luxury cars such as the Lexus ES 330, which commands a slightly younger audience than the Avalon.

Both are aimed at folks in their 50s, however.

Anyone comparing the Lucerne with the Lexus ES 330 will find a similarly equipped Lucerne for \$5,960 less, Buick says. And Buick is tied with Lexus in overall quality, according to some industry surveys.

The top Lucerne model, the CXS, has just about everything available on these cars as standard equipment for the price of \$35,990.

GM isn't offering the supercharged version of the 3.8-liter V6 in the Lucerne for now.

That engine, whose output ranges from 240 to 260 horsepower in other GM cars, might show up later as a choice between the base V6 and the V8, particularly in light of rising gasoline prices. In the Pontiac Grand Prix, for instance, that engine offers 260 horsepower with 18 miles per gallon in the city and 28 mpg on the highway.

The Lucerne is the first Buick with GM's Magnetic Ride Control, which also comes with GM's StabiliTrak stability control system. Magnetic Ride Control is offered in some Cadillac models as well.

The system is designed to provide "exceptional vehicle control and increased tire contact with the road surface," the company says.

Other standard or optional features include remote start, ultrasonic rear parking assist, heated windshield-washer fluid, rain-sensing front wipers, DVD navigation system, heated and cooled seats, and a 280-watt Harman International audio system with nine speakers, a six-disc in-dash CD changer, and MP3 playback capability.

Outside, the car avoids being as plain as the LeSabre, thanks to the new "waterfall" grille, polycarbonate and chrome headlight modules, a steeply raked windshield, and a 70-degree rear window angle.

Buick says both trim levels come with "QuietTuning," designed to reduce road and wind noise to give the car "best-in-class ride quietness."

The car comes with six air bags: A dual-stage driver front air bag, an industry-first dual-depth front passenger air bag, side-impact thorax air bags and roof-rail curtain air bags.

Lucerne CXS models come with 18-inch wheels.

All Lucernes are built at GM's Hamtramck plant in Detroit, which ranked third in the 2005 J.D. Power Initial Quality Study, Buick said.



LUCERNE IS BUICK'S most premium and elegant model," Buick General Manager Shannon.

Honda's high-volume Civic is making its eighth debut in 2006

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

The eighth-generation Honda Civic is just hitting dealer showrooms and the airwaves are filled with advertisements for it.

Much rides on this small car, Honda's perennially successful U.S. enterprise, built, flourished largely on the strength of the Civic. Introduced in 1973, the Civic was Honda's first high-volume production car. Over the years, it has been a rolling showcase for Honda innovation and engineering expertise. It constantly raises the bar that others have tried to achieve consistently shows up on "car of the year" "best of" and "top 10" lists.

Over the Civic's lifetime, 7 million have been sold in the U.S. alone (16 million worldwide). Last year, it was the best-selling compact car, the third best-selling car overall and the seventh best seller of all vehicles, truck and cars. Honda points out that if it were its own standalone brand, Civic, with roughly 300,000 U.S. sales a year, would be the 13th top-selling brand among the 40 or so marketed in the U.S.

Now Honda views the newest generation Civic as a cornerstone for its future. It looks to the Civic for about a quarter of its U.S. sales volume, which set records for each of the past nine years.

Mendel, senior vice president of American Honda's auto operations, pre-

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dicted that on the strength of the new Civic, Honda will set a 10th record next year.

But 2006 is far different from 1973. Then, in the era of an early oil crisis, U.S. automakers had no gas-sippers like the Civic to offer, and it would take years for the domestic automakers to even get close to matching the Civic. That left basically Toyota and Nissan as the Civic's sole competitors. Looking back, it was these small, fuel-efficient cars that gave Honda, Toyota and Nissan their foothold in the U.S.

Today, the Civic faces intense competition from all manufacturers and a growing list of competitive entries. A presentation to reporters at the Civic press launch in August listed nine competing models, all of which are new or recently redesigned — and most of which will undergo yet another remake during the life-cycle of the all-new Civic. Honda's competitive forecast excluded Korean models and Dodge's upcoming Caliber to replace the Neon.

Honda has sought to inject more personality and pizzazz into the newest Civic, something critics charged the current Civic lost as it sought to attract a wider audi-

ence of mainstream buyers to boost sales volume. Honda wants the same level of sales volume for the new Civic as the current one, but a different — i.e., younger — market.

Honda is positioning each of the four versions of the Civic (five counting the natural-gas powered GX scheduled for next year) almost as individual models, each with a specific audience. The sedan is aimed at the young professional, the hybrid at the high-tech professional. The snazzy coupe, clearly developed to answer Toyota's Scion iC, goes after Gen Y (males age 20-32). The performance Civic Si is targeted to the male enthusiast and tuner market.

On one hand, Honda is heavily emphasizing safety for all Civics and extraordinary fuel economy (50-plus miles per gallon city/highway combined) of the hybrid. At the other extreme, Honda is more aggressively going after the performance and "tuner" crowd with the Si.

"We lost the tuner buzz with the current generation. They feel we alienated them," admitted Mendel. "Now we want to embrace them in addition to mainstream buyers."

Mendel doesn't see the two focuses as contradictory. Indeed, having all the models under the Civic umbrella keeps things simple by allowing marketing under one name.



LAST YEAR HONDA'S CIVIC was the best-selling compact car, the third best-selling car overall and the seventh best seller of all vehicles, truck and cars; and now the eighth-generation Honda Civic is arriving in dealer showrooms.

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Tax break more complex than hybrid technology

BY RICK POPELY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Consumers may soon have greater urgency to buy a hybrid gas-electric vehicle, and not just because of \$3 per gallon gas.

The federal tax break on hybrid models changes from a deduction to a tax credit Jan. 1. Though the amounts of the credits haven't been determined, many consumers will stand to benefit from the new rules.

But it may pay to buy early because only the first 60,000 hybrid vehicles that each manufacturer sells are eligible for the full benefit.

Once a manufacturer sells those 60,000, the tax credit phases out within about 18 months.

"If you're thinking that the tax credit should encourage other manufacturers to get into the race, then it works," said Therese Langer of the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy. "This will get the laggards going."

But it means changes for buyers. For hybrids purchased by Dec. 31, taxpayers can take a \$2,000 de-

duction. Eligible vehicles are the Toyota Prius, Honda Insight, Lexus RX400h and hybrid versions of the Ford Escape, Honda Accord and Civic and Toyota Highlander.

The value of the deduction depends on which tax bracket a person is. For someone in the 33 percent bracket, it is \$660. Taxpayers can claim the one-time deduction whether they itemize or take the standard deduction.

Starting Jan. 1, the break on hybrids becomes a tax credit, with the entire amount deducted from the amount a taxpayer owes. That amount, however, will vary depending on the fuel efficiency and weight of eligible models.

The Internal Revenue Service has yet to issue regulations on the tax credits, but the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) estimates they will range from \$3,150 on the Prius to \$650 on the Accord.

The Washington-based group culled the numbers from the energy bill passed and signed in August

and data available on current hybrids and those expected to go on sale soon.

"We made our best guess," said Langer. "We think it is a good guess, but it can't be taken as the final word."

The final word will come from the IRS, but it won't publish regulations on the credit until the end of this year and would not comment.

"We don't have any official guidance at this time," spokeswoman Nancy Mathis said.

Given that the deduction changes Jan. 1, what advice does the IRS give consumers contemplating buying a hybrid?

"We're not in the business of advising consumers on car purchases," she said, declining further comment.

The ACEEE estimates that under the new rules the Escape Hybrid will qualify for a \$2,600 credit with two-wheel-drive and \$1,950 with four-wheel-drive. The Civic will get \$2,100, the RX400h \$2,200 and the Highlander \$2,600 with 2WD

and \$2,200 with 4WD.

Automakers have their own estimates.

Spokeswoman Martha Voss said Toyota expects the Prius will qualify for around \$3,000 but added, "we're hesitant to put a number on it because it depends on how the EPA calculates (mileage) and the IRS writes the regulations."

Honda spokesman Yuzuru Matsuno estimated that the Civic will fall between \$2,000 and \$2,500 and Accord \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Toyota is the hybrid sales leader and expects to sell nearly 140,000 in the United States this year. Honda is second, with projections of 50,000 for 2005.

Here is how the allotments will work: Once a manufacturer sells a total of 60,000 hybrids, consumers will continue to receive the full credit in the next calendar-year quarter. But for the six months after that, the credit drops to 50 percent and then to 25 percent for the next six months. After that, it disappears.

Manufacturers have touted the

tax deduction as a way to offset the higher price of hybrid models, which range from about \$2,300 on the Civic (compared to an EX model) to \$11,000 on the RX400h. The huge price difference on the RX400h is in part because it has more standard features than the RS330.

However, Voss said, as Toyota's tax credit gets phased out, "Toyota customers will still get a substantial benefit. Even at half the credit, \$1,500 on a Prius is still a pretty good deal."

Though some states, such as California and Iowa, offer tax deductions for hybrids, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Wisconsin don't.

Here's a comparison of fuel economy ratings: gallon in city/highway/gas/electric vehicle market and, where applicable, gasoline-only counterpart, not applicable

Vehicle; Hybrid mpg/gas mileage

Ford Escape: 4WD/28/24/0
Honda Accord: 28/24/0
Honda Civic: 50/40/0
Honda Insight: 57/49/0
Lexus RX400h: 37/37/0
Toyota Highlander: 30/21/0
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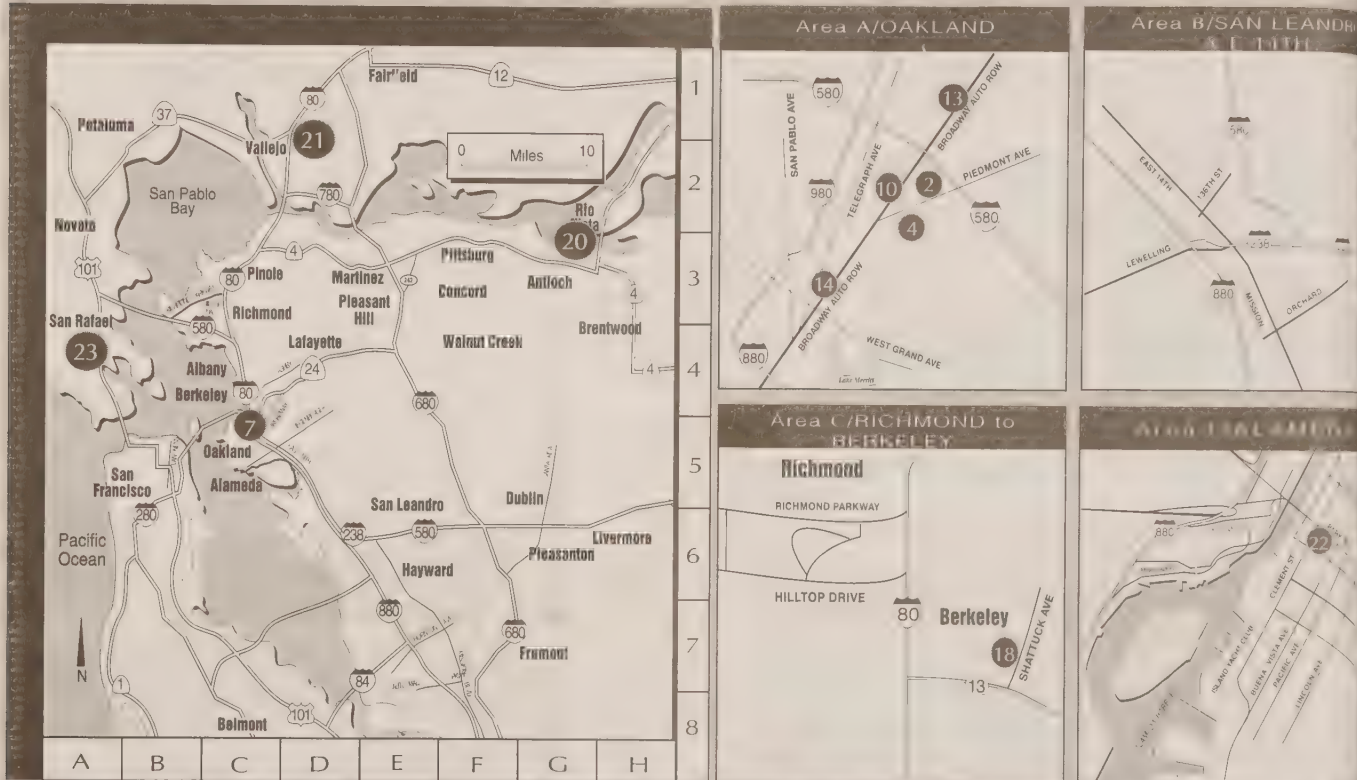
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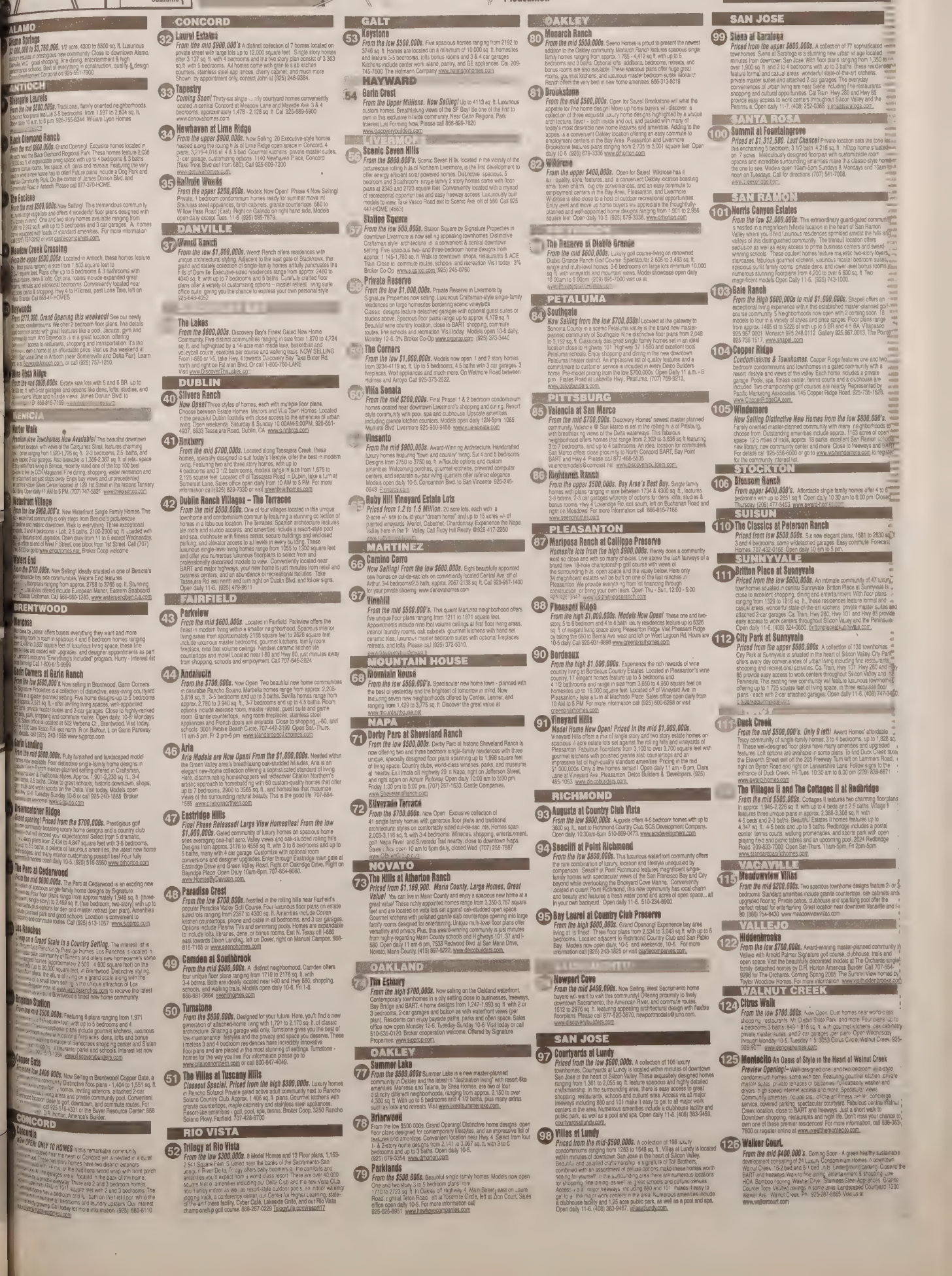


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Dodge Ram Mega Cab locks horns with Hurricane Rita

BY TIM SPELL
MOTOR MATTERS

HOUSTON — With a mega mass of wind and rain headed for the southeast Texas coast, it was comforting to have a crew-cab pickup tailor-made to handle extraordinary situations.

Dodge's new 2006 Ram Mega Cab proves it is worth every cent of its \$30,000-plus price, especially during Hurricane Rita's assault. Base price for the 1500 SLT 4x2 model is \$32,760, but the top-line, built-for-business 2500 Laramie 4x4 test-truck with the Cummins Turbo Diesel is priced at \$48,820.

While best known for its largest-ever cab, the formidable truck proves valuable in a number of ways. In creating a cab measuring 111.1 inches long — 20 inches longer than its standard Quad Cab — and with 145 cubic feet of interior volume, Dodge engineers managed to leave a 6-foot, 3-inch cargo box. This is accomplished by starting with a Quad Cab long-box configuration, putting a short box on it, taking the 20-inch difference and putting it into the cab.

Combined with a bed-length competitive with most other short-box pickups is a 66-inch width. This provides serious loading capability.

First on the Ram's list of hurricane mega-duties is toting plywood to board up a home precariously sandwiched between the Gulf of Mexico and Galveston Bay on the Bolivar Peninsula, near Galveston, Texas. Plywood is stacked in the bed, and the rear cab compartment does double duty as stowage for tools and belongings.

Access to the rear is via huge doors that swing open 88 degrees to unveil 34.5-by-35.5-inch openings and versatile seating. The 60/40-split rear seats fold down or move forward to create a variety of storage options, and a cargo volume of up to 71 cubic feet behind the front seats. There's also storage behind the rear seats — another 7.6 cubic feet of space inside flip-open bins.

Of course, the main focus is on passenger-hauling with rear-compartment leg-stretching space of 44.2 inches and first-in-segment reclining rear seats. They can recline from a 22-degree seatback angle to 37 degrees.

With my Houston area windows boarded and belongings packed securely in the rear com-

TRUCK TALK

partment, the Mega Cab is driven to higher ground to wait out Hurricane Rita.

Until encountering the frenzy associated with the largest evacuation in U.S. history, there's an element to 5.9-liter Cummins 610 turbo-diesel power (optional on 2500 models and standard on 3500s), which I had never thought of as an advantage. Better than having Elite Access airline privileges, or even advanced tickets to a "Star Wars" premiere, is having a vehicle that runs on diesel fuel during a gas shortage.

While gas-powered vehicles swarm like vultures to stations with gas and are forced to wait in absurdly long lines, I simply drive the Mega Cab to an out-of-gasoline station and fill its 35-gallon tank with diesel.

After Rita's wrath had tempered to a tropical depression, I ventured to the coast — past downed power lines and trees and seriously ravaged homes. It's comforting to be driving a high-clearance, 4x4 pickup. A sacrifice of the high-riding Ram is its 25-inch step-up height, which makes Mopar side steps a worthy option.

Arriving at the beach home, I was particularly pleased that precaution was taken to board the windows. It was as if Rita had pointed her pinky at the home, shoving major-league debris belonging to others — dock sections, stairs, furniture, etc. — via water flow and wind onto the property.

Cummins' grunt, with towing power of 12,400 pounds for the 2500 4x4 model, make tugging these hulking structures an efficient undertaking. In hauling away debris, the 1,560-pound payload capacity is hardly taxed. A two-wheel-drive 3500 model boasts towing capacity up to 15,900 pounds and maximum payload up to 2,930 pounds.

The Ram Mega Cab proves a best-of-all-worlds pickup, offering serious workhorse capability and an enormous and versatile rear compartment that accommodates demanding passenger — and cargo-hauling needs.

This ability to respond to Hurricane Rita's rage punctuates the value of Dodge's formidable new pickup.

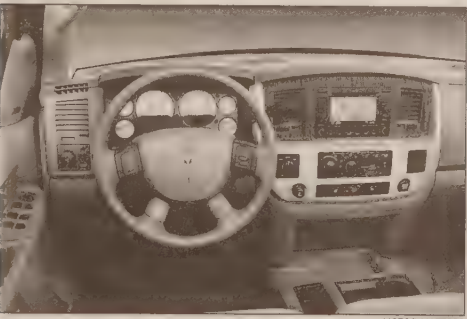
Tim Spell is the editor of the Houston Chronicle Cars & Trucks section.



RAM MEGA CAB LARAMIE with Cummins Turbo Diesel, shown on the Bolivar Peninsula prior to Hurricane Rita's arrival.



THE RAM MEGA CAB LARAMIE has rear-compartment leg-stretching space of 44.2 inches and first-in-segment reclining rear seats. They can recline from a 22-degree seatback angle to 37 degrees.



THE RAM MEGA CAB LARAMIE'S interior design includes a wide center console and a full-screen navigation radio.

Solstice winner shifts into auction gear

BY JIM MATEJA
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Erika called in a quandary. She read about demand for the 2006 Pontiac Solstice being so high that even those who ordered one might have to wait for a 2007 model that won't arrive until next fall.

She had responded to an offer on "The Apprentice" TV show this year to visit a Web site to win the right to become one of the first 1,000 to buy a Solstice roadster.

She won the right to No. 428, and the dealer called to say she could come pick hers up.

But with some 15,000 people waiting for a Solstice, she feared the dealer might tack a \$10,000 premium onto the \$23,195 she agreed to pay. A call to the dealer allayed her fears. The price? \$23,195 plus tax, he said. No premium.

But she has another quandary. Out of curiosity Erika visited eBay and found another of those first 1,000 buyers had sold the rights to his Solstice for \$10,100.

"I'm up in the air and don't know whether to keep it or sell it," she said. "It's an emotional decision. I really love the car, but if I can make \$10,000, it would be hard to pass up."

So, she didn't want to pay \$10,000 over list, but would like to sell for \$10,000 more than list.

"Exactly," she said.

But Erika doesn't want to fool with eBay and deal with getting paid and making delivery or place

a "for sale" sign in her Solstice and attract gawkers. Besides, she doesn't know what people would be willing to pay for her car.

Lori Queen, vehicle line executive for small cars at General Motors, said a Web site has been set up by enthusiasts. It's called www.solsticeforum.com, and those wanting to buy a Solstice can visit.

We suggested Erika do just that to learn how high offers have gone. She did only to find that sellers tell potential buyers to submit an e-mail bid so no dollar amounts were mentioned.

Then Dean Kruse, head of Kruse International in Auburn, Ind., the auction house that specializes in collectible cars, was called in. If anyone would know what Erika could make, Kruse would.

"I'd say \$6,000 to \$10,000 easy," Kruse said, who then offered to put Erika's car into an auction he's hosting in Auburn Nov. 5. Even if she decides not to sell, she'd at least learn how much people would be willing to pay for it. He'd even pick the car up and bring it back to her if not sold.

"Would he charge a commission?" Erika asked.

Yes, but Erika agreed anyway. So Solstice No. 428 will go on the block Nov. 5.

Don't know how this will play out, but have to suspect one thing other than money might influence Erika's decision.

Solstice comes with only a 5-



THE DEMAND FOR the 2006 Pontiac Solstice is so high that even those who ordered one might have to wait for a 2007 model that won't arrive until next fall.

speed manual transmission, but Erika doesn't "know how to drive a stick."

Dodge Nitro

Dodge dealers have been asking for one and now they'll get it. A new

sport-utility vehicle called Nitro will arrive for the 2007 model year as a smaller, lower-cost, higher-mileage companion to the Durango.

If the name sounds familiar, that's because Dodge unveiled the Nitro concept at the Chicago Auto

Show in February and has given its blessing to producing the machine.

While carrying Dodge design cues, Nitro is a 4-inch-longer derivative of the Jeep Liberty, beside which it will be built at the Jeep plant in Toledo, Ohio.

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The Jetta GLI: Well done Volkswagen

the back, it says "GLI," but not "Jetta." The GLI is a tough, no denying that, but the subtle and not-so-subtle differences. Our red test car had red brake calipers (they matter the exterior color), five-spoke alloy wheels and 17-inch performance radial tires. Other differences are under the hood, there's a 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder, 200-horsepower. The Jetta GLI is a Volkswagen and Audi with this engine, the less I know about the smoothest little car ever. On the test vehicle, the transmission is a sophisticated six-speed automatic that is perfectly matched to this engine. Power is more than adequate.

the Jetta GLI comes standard with leather upholstery, as well as a power sunroof, Sirius satellite radio and a few other features. The GLI added \$875, and with

one additional option package and \$615 in shipping charges, the \$23,790 base price rose to \$29,230. I like the stuff that comes with that \$3,200 option package, but not \$3,200 worth. A base model GLI with a six-speed manual transmission, at just more than \$25,000, would be a bargain.

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And at any price level with the GLI, you still get a sweet powertrain, big tires and a beefy suspension that make the GLI beg to be taken off the expressway, onto winding back roads. Try as they might, other manufacturers just can't quite match the road feel of a good German sedan — even a German sedan that is built in Puebla, Mexico.

The GLI is the most appealing Jetta in years. Well done, Volkswagen.



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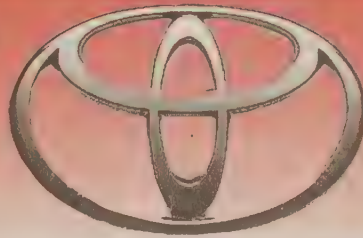
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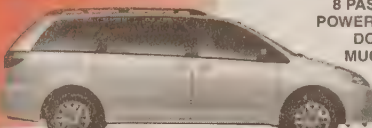
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PUMPKIN COOKIE POPS

1 (14-ounce) bag M&M's Milk Chocolate Candies for Halloween
1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerated sugar

cookie dough
1 (16-ounce) can vanilla frosting
Orange and green food coloring
25 colored craft sticks

Cut approximately 25 1/4-inch slices of cookie dough. Place on cookie sheets. Slip a colored craft stick's 2-inch tip underneath each cookie. At top of cookie and directly on opposite side of craft stick make small dimple in dough. Bake cookies 15 minutes. Remove from oven, transfer

to wire rack, and let cool completely.

Tint 1/4 cup of frosting with green food coloring. Transfer to resealable plastic bag, snip small corner, and set aside.

Tint remaining frosting with orange food coloring. Spread on cookie tops. Use green frosting to pipe pumpkin stems around dimples. Use M&M's to decorate cookies like jack-o'-lanterns.

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1 (13-ounce) bag Snickers Fun Size Bars, unwrapped and chopped
1 (18.25-ounce) box yellow cake mix

1 (16-ounce) can vanilla frosting
6 shredded wheat biscuits
1 tube brown decorator's icing
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line cupcake pans with paper cupcake liners.

Prepare yellow cake mix according to package instructions.

Fold chopped Fun Size bars into batter before transferring to cupcake pans. Bake 18-21 minutes. Remove from oven, transfer to wire rack, and let cool completely.

Tint vanilla frosting beige by blending with 1 tablespoon brown decorator's icing. Spread beige frosting on cupcake.

To decorate cupcakes, use photograph as guide:

Hats: Place 1 Fun Size bar at top of each cupcake, and top with Caramel Cookie bars to resemble rim on hat.

Hair and neck: Arrange strands of shredded wheat under hat and around neck.

Face: Use Peanut M&M's for



eyes and nose. Create mouth with remaining brown decorator's frosting.

Tip: Consider using cut licorice

laces, snipped fruit chews or shredded coconut instead of shredded wheat biscuits for "hair."

Makes 24 cupcakes.



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8 (3 1/2-inch) packaged chocolate

chocolate ice cream cones
candy corn or licorice laces, optional
Measure 1 cup chocolate frosting. Frost cookies and place one chocolate ice cream cone on top of each. Cover cones with frosting, and then arrange in random patterns.

Make brim of cap as shown: Sort 32 fruit chews into piles, making sure each pile is same color. Unravel laces slightly, and then snip into thin strips, leaving fringe.

Arrange fringe around cones for hair. Otherwise, use licorice laces or licorice laces that have been cut into 1-1/2-inch pieces and place around base of cone.

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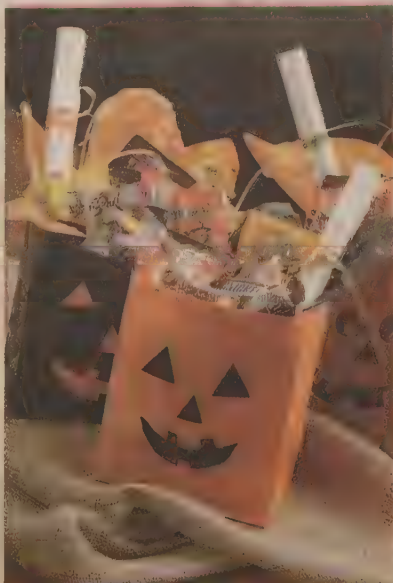
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Seeking to attract hummingbirds? Here's how

BY CATHY FRISINGER
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

FORT WORTH, Texas — Coral honeysuckle is for the birds — hummingbirds, that is.

So are Turk's cap, trumpet vine, lantana, desert willow and, for that matter, red ribbons.

"Oh hummingbird, mankind was waiting for you to come flying along," Seals & Croft sang in 1973. But there's no need to just wait. Inspired by that tune, we offer six

things you can do to turn your yard into hummingbird heaven, plus some tips for watching these tiny winged creatures.

1. Gimme shelter: When people think about creating a welcoming environment for hummingbirds, they usually start by thinking about food, but it's more important to provide shelter, says Mark Klym, co-author of the just-published *Hummingbirds of Texas* (Texas A&M University Press, \$24.95). Although

hummingbirds feed in open spaces, they build their nests and rest in areas of dense vegetation, such as stands of trees and thickets.

Trees and shrubs that provide good shelter for these small wonders include pecans, oaks, junipers, yaupons, persimmons, redbuds, sumacs and buckthorns.

2. A taste of honey: It's not just their compact size that makes hummingbirds so fascinating for bird-watchers, but also their distinctive

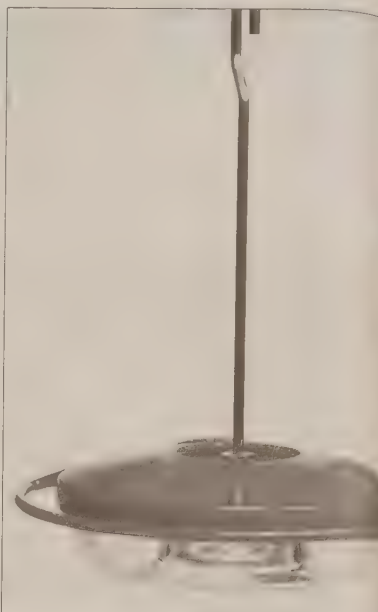
feeding habits. Whereas other birds feed on insects, seeds and berries, hummers sip on nectar. Hovering like a helicopter over a blossom, a hummingbird sticks its long, narrow beak into the center of the flower and slurps up the sweet sustenance.

Plants with tubular-shaped blooms are particularly attractive to hummingbirds, but there are many plants that they like to feed on. Good plants for hummingbird meals include: flame acanthus, cross vine, trumpet creeper, desert willow, Texas azalea, crimson sage, mountain sage, Carolina jessamine, scarlet hibiscus, Turk's cap, coral honeysuckle, red morning glory and Indian paintbrush.

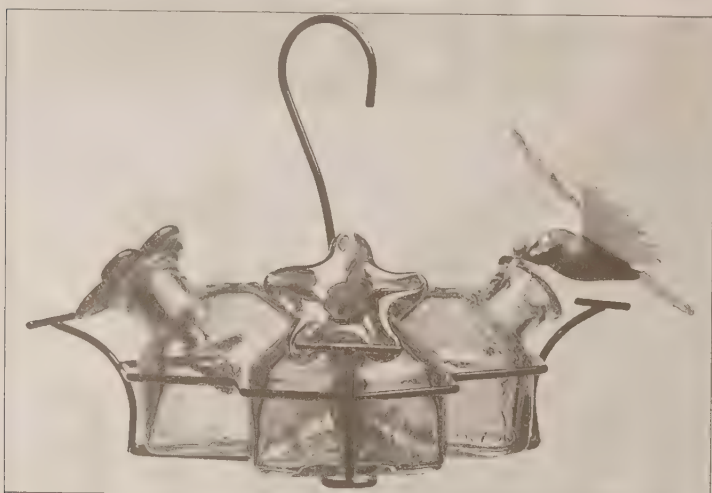
Other good feeding plants are lantana, bird of paradise, scarlet standing cypress, Texas clematis, red yucca, tulip tree, Mexican buckeye, prairie rose, orange hamelia and scarlet four o'clock.

3. A hard rain's a-gonna fall: Like all animals, hummingbirds need water for drinking and bathing. Birdbaths are useful (though the water level must not be over 2 inches for these petite creatures), but Klym says moving water is more attractive to birds. Moving water can be provided by fountains, misters, drippers and water wigglers (devices that are placed in birdbaths to create ripples).

4. Hungry: Hummingbird feeders are used to supplement plants as food sources and to draw birds to areas that are convenient for view-



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Hummingbirds

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Sugar, sugar: Fill feeders with a four-part solution of 4 parts water to 1 part sugar. Do not use corn syrup or sugar substitutes. The solution must be changed every two to three days, or more often in summer heat. Syrup can be prepared in a quantity and stored in a refrigerator for up to two weeks.

It's not necessary to boil the water before mixing, says Klym, but you can keep the solution fresh longer. If you boil, do so before adding the sugar so that evaporation doesn't change the proportion of sugar to water. Also, of course, let the water return to room temperature before filling the feeder.

Red ribbon: The female hummingbird lays two white pea-sized eggs in each nest. She sits above the nest, rather than directly on it, the point being to shade the eggs rather than keep them warm.

The hyperactive hummingbird beats its wings about 72 times per second and can fly for short bursts at speeds of 90 mph.

Be aware of migration times

The fall migration period is one of the best times to see hummingbirds. Most hummingbirds overwinter in Mexico. It takes the birds between 18 and 24 hours to cross the Gulf of Mexico (there's no resting during that time) and about two weeks (including rest periods) to complete their migration. Hummingbirds migrate singly, not in flocks.

Hummingbird habits

There's a pleasure in bird-watching, and who does it say, comes in getting to know the habits of the creatures. You can file these hummingbird facts away to add to your observations: Hummingbirds can fly forward, backward, straight up, straight down — like, Charles Schulz's Woodstock — upside down.



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These five simple sauces will add sparkle to your culinary repertoire

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When sauce-seekers tell me about their sauce-making goals while standing in line at the bank and market. They tell me at social gatherings. They tell me in messages on my voice mail. They tell me in a caller saying that he would change his life if only he could master a few sauces.

It seems that many home cooks feel stymied when it comes to making a sauce to pair with meat or fish, or even vegetables. They assure me that they know all the basics: sautéing, broiling and roasting. When the subject turns to top-notch sauces, their voices take on the wistful tone of an out-of-shape runner talking about tackling Mount Everest.

Part of the problem might be the diversity of sauces found on restaurant menus. Perhaps the choices have resulted in increased confusion.

Many years ago, sauce generally meant a classic French mixture of butter, flour and stock, thickened with a roux. In the '70s and '80s, nouvelle cuisine heralded sauces such as beurre blanc, as well as sauces fashioned from pureed vegetables.

Now means have these sauces disappeared, but they've been replaced by a new cast of sauces. American tastes have broadened to include the bright flavors of Asian and Latin American cuisine. Now cooks can mean cold or room-temperature salsas and dipping sauces, concoctions whipped up in a bowl rather than a saucepan. They include ingredients such as ginger and cilantro; ample amounts of citrus juice; or pureed tomatoes.

There are five diverse sauces that might change your life, well, at least your culinary life:

BEURRE BLANC

Traditionally translated as "white sauce," beurre blanc sauces are made by whisking cold butter into a flavorful base. The base is made by reducing (cooking down) a mixture of chopped shallots, white wine, and a little vinegar, and some butter sauce. If the menu says "butter sauce," it's probably beurre blanc.

It's a sleek, smooth sauce that can be spooned on seafood, or vegetables. I adore it atop grilled or broiled salmon or halibut.

To make it, cut 1 stick (8 tablespoons) cold butter into 8 slices and set aside. Place 2-1/2 tablespoons minced shallots, 2 tablespoons white-wine vinegar and 2 tablespoons dry white wine in a medium-sized, nonreactive pan (stainless-steel, enamel or tin-lined).

Simmer over medium heat until mixture is reduced to about 1 tablespoon. Add 2-1/2 tablespoons heavy cream; simmer until slightly thickened. Remove from heat and let sit 20-30 seconds, then vigorously whisk in 1 piece of butter. Whisk until butter melts. Add another piece of butter and whisk until it melts. Continue in same manner until all butter is incorporated, returning sauce to heat when needed to keep mixture hot enough to incorporate butter. Strain, if desired, and add salt and white pepper to taste; serve.

When entertaining, because the butter needs to be added just before serving, I do the reduction before my company arrives (up to where the cream is added). Then at serving time, I heat up the mixture, add cream and simmer it, then add the butter, piece by piece.

Variations: This sauce can be augmented with citrus fruit, using 3 tablespoons of juice (such as blood orange, tangerine or grapefruit) along with the white wine and vinegar in the recipe, then garnishing dish with segments and zest (minced colored part of peel). Or, add drained chopped tomatoes and fresh herbs to the sauce (see recipe), or roasted red pepper puree, or caramelized onion puree.

WILD MUSHROOM SAUCE

This mixture of mushrooms and minced shallots, sautéed in extra-virgin olive oil and a little butter until nicely browned, is enriched with sherry and cream. You can vary the taste of the mixture by using different types of mushrooms. I like to use a combination of sliced shiitake caps (the stems should be discarded because they are never soft), small whole cremini (sometimes labeled brown mushrooms) and chanterelle (left whole if small, quartered if large). It's delectable spooned over cooked fresh vegetables, especially asparagus, sautéed spinach or green beans. Or spoon over any grilled meat, poultry or fish. Or toss sauce with warm cooked pasta, adding a small pinch of dried red chili flakes and diced ham or prosciutto.

Start by preparing 1 pound of fresh wild mushrooms; clean with moist paper towel as needed, then cut them so that they are all just about the same size. In a large, deep skillet, heat 1 tablespoon butter and 1 1/2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil on medium-high heat. When butter melts, add mushrooms, 2 large shallots (minced), plus salt and black pepper to taste. Cook, stirring frequently, until mushrooms start to brown and liquid from mushrooms evaporates, about 6 minutes (some mushrooms give off more moisture than others — if needed, add more olive oil). Add 1 cup heavy whipping cream. Bring to boil; boil until cream reduces, stirring occasionally, about 6-7 minutes. Stir in 2-1/2 tablespoons dry (fino) sherry; cook 1 minute. Stir

in 1-2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil or chopped fresh tarragon. Taste and add salt and/or pepper as needed.

It can be made in advance (without the herbs) and refrigerated, then reheated (adding a little more cream if needed), adding the chopped herbs just before serving.

Variations: If you're using the sauce to top grilled steak or game, add 1 large clove of garlic (minced) to mixture along with mushrooms. Or use minced chives or Italian parsley instead of basil or tarragon.

AIOLI

This Provencal garlic mayonnaise is traditionally made with a mortar and pestle, but I use a food processor to speed up the preparation.

In France, it is served in the middle of a large platter (either room temperature or chilled), surrounded by cooked, room-temperature vegetables — such as new potatoes, baby artichokes, eggplant and green beans. Fish, usually salt cod, and hard-cooked eggs are also included.

But over the past several years, aioli has become de rigueur as a topper for everything from hamburgers to grilled oysters. I like to add pureed roasted red bell peppers because of the flavor boost they bring to the sauce. I serve it most often on crab cakes, or slathered on toasted bread as a garnish for fish soups.

To make aioli, peel 3 large cloves of garlic. With the motor running, add garlic to food processor fitted with metal blade to mince garlic. Add 1/2 of large roasted red bell pepper (available in jars at most supermarkets) and process to puree. Add 1 cup mayonnaise and pinch of cayenne pepper. Process until well-combined, scraping down sides of bowl if necessary. Refrigerate, airtight, up to 2 days.

Variations: For a spicy, slightly

smoky version, I like to add a spoonful of pureed chipotle chilies (chipotles are smoked, red jalapeños). Small cans of chipotles are sold in some supermarkets in the Latin American specialty section, or in Latin American markets. The chilies are packed in a tomato-based adobo sauce. I puree the adobo sauce and the chilies together in a small food processor. The leftover chipotle puree can be frozen for future use.

Or to top seafood, add minced fresh herbs (such as minced basil or parsley) and a pinch of minced lemon zest (colored portion of peel).

PONZU

In Japan, this popular sour-salty-sweet sauce is used as a dipping sauce for sashimi featuring raw, firm-fleshed fish. It's become fashionable in America to use it like a squeeze of lemon, sprinkled over grilled or sautéed seafood.

Traditional Japanese recipes for ponzu combine soy sauce with rice vinegar, mirin (sweet wine made from glutinous rice), bonito flakes and yuzu juice. Yuzu is an acidic citrus fruit with a deep floral fragrance. Fresh yuzus are expensive and difficult to find. Bottled yuzu juice is available at Japanese markets, but it includes sodium benzoate that gives it an odd, chemical taste.

So, American adaptations generally include a combination of

fresh lime and lemon juice. The formulas vary greatly, and often include sugar, ginger, lime juice and lemon juice. To make one version of Americanized ponzu, combine 4 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce, 1 1/2 tablespoons rice vinegar, 1 1/2 tablespoons brown sugar, 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice and 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice. Stir until sugar dissolves. Taste and add additional lime or lemon juice, or sugar, as needed. Refrigerate, airtight. Serve at room temperature, drizzled over seafood; grilled chicken or pork; cooked rice; roasted sweet potatoes; or tempura.

Variations: Ginger is a lovely addition — either use ginger juice, or finely mince. Or add thinly sliced green onion, or a smidgen of Asian chili sauce.

SALSA VERDE

Made with roasted tomatoes, this sauce adds a refreshing citrusy taste to whatever it tops. It's delicious on cold salmon, grilled tuna or roast pork. Or it's great served as a dip for tortilla chips. Add diced mango and have an irresistible sauce for grilled poultry and seafood.

I use a jalapeno chili, but for a spicier version use a serrano. (Use caution when working with fresh chilies. Wash hands and work surface thoroughly upon completion and do not touch eyes or face.)

Start by adjusting oven rack 4 to 5 inches below broiler element; preheat broiler. Place 7 medium tomatoes (husked, rinsed, washed and dried with paper towel) and 1 jalapeno (stem removed) on rimmed baking sheet. Broil until blackened in spots and blistered, about 5 minutes. Turn over and roast other side, 3 to 4 minutes, or until blistered. Cool on baking sheet. Place in blender with juices from pan. Add 5 to 6 sprigs fresh cilantro and 1/4 cup water; whirl until pureed. Place in bowl; add 1/4 cup finely diced onion and season to taste with salt. Refrigerate, airtight, up to 4 days. Bring to room temperature for serving.

Variations: Add to mayonnaise to make delectable toppings or to use in tuna or chicken salads. Add to halved grape tomatoes (or halved cherry tomatoes) and spoon over grilled steak.

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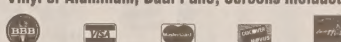
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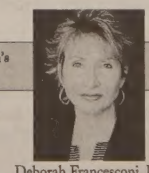
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SALMON WITH TOMATO BEURRE BLANC

Butter for greasing rimmed baking sheet

1 pound salmon fillet, skin intact if possible

Salt and white pepper to taste

2 generous tablespoons coarse mustard, such as Moutarde de Meaux

1 pound ripe tomatoes

Sugar, as needed

2 tablespoons olive oil

About 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves

2-1/2 tablespoons minced shallots

2 tablespoons dry white wine

2 tablespoons white-wine vinegar

1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, cut into 8 pieces

Garnish: Thyme sprigs, tiny tomatoes

Cook's notes: To peel tomatoes, submerge in simmering water about 20 seconds (riper tomatoes require less time). Run cold

water over tomatoes and slip off skin with small knife. Cut in half horizontally and gently squeeze to remove seeds.

Procedure: Prepare salmon: Lightly grease rimmed baking sheet with butter. Fifteen minutes before broiling, arrange oven rack about 6 inches below element and preheat broiler.

Thinly slice salmon diagonally, turning knife when you reach the skin to cut fish away from skin. Place in single layer on prepared baking sheet. Lightly salt and pepper fish. In small bowl, combine creme fraiche and mustard; stir just enough to combine. Coat each portion of salmon with mixture. Place in refrigerator up to 4 hours.

Peel, seed and dice tomatoes (see cook's notes). Taste them. If they aren't "sweet," sprinkle with a little sugar. Heat oil in skillet on medium-high heat. Add tomatoes and cook about 6-8 minutes (liquid should evaporate). Season with thyme, salt and pepper. Place in sieve and set aside in sink or over bowl.

Place shallots, wine and vinegar in saucepan on medium-high

heat until reduced to less than 1 tablespoon (the mixture will be almost like glaze at bottom of pan). Remove from heat and let sit 30 seconds to cool down. Whisk in butter 1 piece at a time. Test temperature of sauce with finger and return it to burner when necessary. You want mix hot enough to melt butter, but not "liquify" it. When 2/3 of butter has been added, return to heat. Whisk in all remaining butter at same time, vigorously beating. Strain if desired (I don't).

Stir in tomatoes and taste. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed.

Broil salmon 3-4 minutes or until topping is spotted brown. Spoon sauce on heated dinner plates or shallow bowls, tilting to coat bottom evenly. Top with salmon and garnish with thyme sprigs and tiny red and/or yellow tomatoes.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

CRAB CAKES WITH AIOLI

1/4 pound crabmeat (see cook's notes)

1/4 cup minced celery

1/4 cup minced red onion

3 tablespoons mayonnaise

1 egg, beaten

2 tablespoons diced mild green chilies (canned)

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

2-1/2 cups fresh bread crumbs, divided use (see cook's notes)

4 tablespoons butter or vegetable oil, for sauteing

For topping: Aioli (see recipe in story)

Garnish: Mixed baby greens, fresh chives

Cook's notes: I generally use refrigerated, canned Phillips' crabmeat from Costco, but in a pinch I use thawed, frozen crabmeat (I squeeze out excess water before mixing with other ingredients). For bread crumbs, I love to use a rosemary bread (panmarino), or firm, rustic wheat or white bread, or sourdough. Process bread in food processor fitted with metal blade until large crumbs are formed.

The crab-cake mixture can be prepared 8 hours in advance and stored airtight in the refrigerator. Form into crab cakes and cover with bread crumbs no more than 20 minutes before sauteing.

Procedure: In large bowl, com-

bine crabmeat, celery, onion, mayonnaise, egg, chilies and Worcestershire sauce. Add 1/4 cup bread crumbs; stir to blend.

Form mixture into 8 patties, about 3/4-inch thick. Coat both sides of patties with remaining bread crumbs.

Melt butter (or heat oil) in large, nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Cook crab cakes until golden brown and crisp on both sides and thoroughly cooked, about 5 to 6 minutes per side.

Place crab cakes on 8 salad plates. Place small handful of mixed baby greens next to each. Top each crab cake with a gener-

ous spoonful of aioli. Garnish with fresh chives. Serve as appetizer. Makes 8 first-course servings.

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Prospect Sierra School embodies several key assumptions in philosophy and daily practice: that learning is the young person's pathway to personal growth; that school should be both challenging and joyous; that school is a community through which students, teachers and parents develop trust, demonstrate cooperation, show respect, and acquire an understanding of the rights and needs of others; and that diversity, in its many human forms, brings quality and strength to our welcoming and inclusive school.

To learn more about us, please visit our website at www.prospectsierra.org or call 510.236.5800.

KAREN'S EDUCATIONAL & CREATIVE DAYCARE

Karen's Educational & Creative Daycare is now open.

This daycare is beautiful, safe & clean. She also has brand new front & backyard play areas and there are scheduled activities and daily lesson plans including Creative arts, drama, creative play and physical education. The daycare is open for business from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and by special arrangements we are open for overnights and weekends. Private tutoring & private piano instructions are also offered.

Please call Karen at 510-787-1360 or 510-787-2530 to arrange a time to see the daycare and to get acquainted with Karen. Karen is qualified with 2 master's degrees, she has 2 teaching credentials and she is a music specialist in piano and voice. She also has a competent and able staff.

Karen has educational and creative themes for her daycare agenda. The ages are from 0-10 yrs. Old. The daycare capacity is 8. During the busy Christmas season, when other daycares are closed, Karen's will be open for business. She will also have a Santa's Village for all to enjoy! And she will have an open house at Christmas time.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION EVENTS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-4)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2005 • 12:45-3 pm

2060 Topscott Ave., El Cerrito

Adults only, please

MIDDLE SCHOOL (5-8)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2005 • 12:45-3 pm

960 Avis Dr., El Cerrito

Parents/guardians & students invited

MAIN POINTS OF ENTRY:

Kindergarten & Sixth Grade

FOR INFORMATION CALL

510/236.5800, K-4

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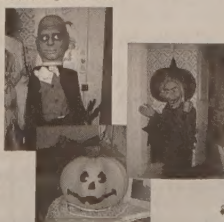
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- HARVEST FAIRE: NOVEMBER 19, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM
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Walnut Creek

Thursday, October 20, 2005
7:00-9:00 PM
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